



# ABUNDANTLY MORE

## MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

**Scripture:** John 12:1-11

- The generosity of Jesus should be reflected in our response to Him and permeate the relationships we have with others.
- Are we looking to silence Jesus because He doesn't do things our way?
- Are we faithfully serving, but missing out on being in Jesus' presence?
- Are we counting coins or counting on Christ?
- The Gospel of Jesus Christ is indestructible
- Are we part of the curious crowd just looking to consume?
- Are we pouring our lives in worship of Him
- What is YOUR response to the abundantly extravagant Grace of Jesus?

## GET TALKING

What do you think of when you hear the word abundance? What is an example of abundance from your life?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read John 12:1-11

1. Share what stands out to you from this passage. What questions does it raise?
2. Digging deeper there is so much to learn and understand from this short passage. Let's take the act of Mary cleaning Jesus' feet for practice. Read this story in other gospels to get more context. (Mark 14:3-9 and Matthew 26:6-13). Do an Internet search for commentary of these verses ([enduringword.com](http://enduringword.com)). Discover and discuss thoughts behind Mary's motive for washing Jesus's feet. Consider Judas' response and motives.
3. We all respond to Jesus in our own way. It is easy to get into the mindset of doing instead of listening (Mary vs Martha). How does our behavior or the things we elevate or prioritize our ability to be a witness for Jesus? Similar to Judas, what ways do people hide their selfish desires behind seemingly rational and altruistic reasoning?
4. John's rich account of Jesus' last days reveal the character of God in Jesus in ways that demand a response from everyone who sees, hears, or reads about these interactions and situations. How are YOU responding to Jesus? Reflect on who you currently relate to the most from this week's scripture and why. Are you like:
  - a. The Chief Priests who are you looking to turn Jesus in and silence Him because He's not doing it your way?
  - b. Martha who is faithfully serving, but missing out on being in Jesus' presence?
  - c. Judas who counts the cost of everything while knowing the value of nothing?
  - d. The curious crowd who just wants to see what Jesus will do next?
  - e. Or Mary who hears the Words of Jesus and pours out her life in worship of Him?



## **PRAYER**

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. Take time to reflect: first, on what the message of the Gospel is, second, on what principles or motivations keep you from being the model and witness for Jesus that He has called you to be. Confess and surrender those things to Jesus. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in the relationships in your life that cause conflict or tension. Thank Jesus for His incredible sacrifice, grace and love that you can never do enough to earn by your own power. closed off ?

During your prayer time:

- Thank God for His ability to work in, with, and through you even when you don't know or ask for it.
- Confess the hardening or closing of your heart if the Holy Spirit brings anything to mind.
- Ask God to reveal the hardened areas and soften your heart in response.