

FIRST

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January 15, 2017
Extravagant Worship | Matthew 26:6-13

Questions for Study and Group Discussion

1. Have you ever seen someone express so much interest in or devotion to something that it seemed extravagant? (Examples could be how people get into their sports teams, or the interest a dating couple has for each other.) Explain the situation and share what seemed extravagant about it.
2. Is there anything that you're devoted to in a big, extravagant way? What is it about this that gets you so excited?
3. Read Matthew 26:6-13, then answer the following questions.
 - Briefly summarize what you read, in your own words. What's going on? Who's involved in the story?
 - Where do you see extravagant worship in this story? How is this situation an example of extravagance?
 - What is Jesus' response to this display of extravagant worship? What's the significance of this?
4. The sermon from Sunday is part of a series called "First Things First." Do you agree that this topic of worship is a "first things first" priority? Why?
5. A key part of a definition of worship is that worship is a response. Worship is a fitting response to who God is and what God has done (and is doing!). How is this definition of worship helpful? What stands out to you in this definition?
6. Spend some time as a group developing a starter-list of reasons why God deserves our worship. Think about WHO God is according to the Bible, and WHAT He's done. (Then, keep this list handy and use it as a springboard into personal worship this coming week.)
7. Matthew 26:6-13 is a story of an extravagant display of worship. Why do you think displaying worship to Jesus is an appropriate and fitting way to declare His worth?
8. What might displaying worship to Jesus look like for you throughout the week? What might it look like as we gather at Brookside on Sunday mornings?
9. What's one practical step you can take to grow in your understanding and expression of worship?