

Home Group Study Notes - 31/5/20

The Extravagant Generosity of Jesus

Icebreaker

When have you given and/or been given an extravagant gift to or by another person?

Discovery

What are your feelings when you are asked to say what wonderful gifts Jesus has given his followers and those who even don't know him yet?

Read the account of Jesus being anointed by Mary in John 12:1-8. Recalling the miracle of Lazarus's resurrection, what was the main reason Mary anointed Jesus's feet? Trick question?

Discussion

Think about the extravagance of that action - perfume worth a year's wages! What do people think about it? What might it say about how much Jesus was worth to Mary, and to us?

Maybe discuss Jesus involvement in creation, and the idea in Hebrews 1:2-3 that it is all for him. The Message version brings that out well.

Read Jn 20:29-31 and discuss these lovely verses.

Finally, think about all that Jesus gave us after he died!

- when he rose, he became the first 'new man' and we will become new like him too
- we are now seated with him next to God on his throne
- he sent the Holy Spirit to do all the wonderful things he does in our lives now
- he went to the Father to prepare a place for us if we die before he returns
- he promised to return and prompt the resurrection and we will be with him in our glorious new bodies
- We'll live for ever in God's presence in the New Jerusalem one day
- hope, love, joy, peace etc etc

Response

Offer praise to God for all of these things.

Pray for a greater revelation of them for each other.

Pray for a fresh infilling of the Spirit, and for words for each other.

Pray for greater manifestation of the Spirit in our midst as a church and where we are as we go about our daily lives, so that we are able to glorify God in our lives.

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