

Small Group Questions: The Broken Jar That Gave Us Freedom

Series: Reactions

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Read

John 12:1-11; Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:1-9; Luke 7:36-50

Reflect

Jesus taught the disciples about forgiveness. He accepted the generous gift and acknowledged a woman's faith when she cleaned his feet with her tears and anointed his head with oil. How can we exhibit faith and gratitude?

Pastor Joel Delph highlights the following:

- 1. See the bigger picture: refuse to stay stuck in your own perspective.**
 - a. What did Jesus say in Luke 7:47? Why is this scripture significant?
 - b. Share a time when you showed great love for Christ.
 - c. How can you move away from biases that were taught by or inherited from your family? Discuss a particular issue and steps needed for changes away from bias.

- 2. Breakthrough costs you something and gives you everything: taking a step closer to God is often costly.**
 - a. What do you need to give up in order to be closer to God?
 - b. How can the Bible guide you in life? Why do you or do you not rely on the Bible?
 - c. Why is love the most important bond?

- 3. It's okay to be skeptical, just don't stay there.**
 - a. Why are the lyrics of the song, "Same God" so meaningful to you?
 - b. When skepticism overcomes you, what Bible verses or worship music help you?
 - c. What has being skeptical cost you?
 - d. Our pastors have said, "The secret to peace is gratitude." How do you express gratitude? Explain ways that gratitude creates generosity.

Respond: Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?