

19 & 20 March 2016

EXTRAVAGANT WORSHIP

Discussion Questions

1. Share instances when you “wandered outside of what is usually considered enough” – when you have been extravagant. What did you do? What were the outcomes? Is this sort of thing out of character for you?
2. Simon the Pharisee was a former leper who had probably been healed by Jesus, and yet he demonstrated so little grace towards Mary. Why do you think that we as the recipients of grace can sometimes act so gracelessly?
3. How do you think Lazarus would have felt having been raised from the dead only to find out there were death threats against him? Have you ever had times when you felt like everything was against you? How did you get through those times? How did your faith in God help you?
4. Have you ever felt that other people’s worship was extravagant compared to yours?
5. Do you recognize anything of Judas’ attitude in your own life? *“Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year’s wages.” He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.”*
6. Jesus’ statement, “You will always have the poor among you,” is not an excuse not to help the poor. Jesus quotes from Deuteronomy 15:11 which urges generosity to the poor, who will always be in the land. The context promises that God will bless His people if they care for the poor. How can you individually, as well as a Connect Group, help those who are less fortunate?
7. Read about the extravagance of God regarding The New Jerusalem in Revelation 21:10-21. Discuss how you feel about this in the light of God’s extravagant love demonstrated to us for all eternity.