

Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of September 24-25, 2022

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

Extravagant Love

(John 11:45-12:11)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together John 11:45-12:11.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create a curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

We see in John 11:47-48 concern growing among the religious leaders that their norms/structures are at risk of being disturbed through the actions of Jesus.

Take a moment to think about when Jesus' radical love caused a disruption in your own life's norms up to that point. If a situation comes to mind, share a little bit about this experience with the group.

We read in vs. 51-53 that Jesus would die not only for the Jewish nation, “...but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one.” We’re seeing the birth of a new community through Jesus’ death.

If you’ve gone through periods of isolation in your faith walk as well as periods of community, what have these different seasons been like?

Where have you experienced the most powerful experiences of community? What do these experiences look like and how do they elevate your soul?

In a culture that tends to place our identity in what we have, what we do, and what other people think of us, how do you flip this script to one that draws your identity in Jesus’ extravagant love for you?

It was out of Mary’s conviction of Jesus’ love for her that she was able to love so extravagantly in return.

When have you experienced a similar outpouring of love towards Jesus?

When have you experienced a moment of freedom like Mary’s where fear dissipated?

In what ways are you feeling inspired or called to more fully pour out your love to Jesus today?

Group exercise:

If your group is meeting in a home, you might take a moment to light a scented candle, diffuse your favorite oil, etc. and allow the scent to fill the room you’re meeting in. Whether you are able to do the above or not, now take a moment to read vs. 3 together and visualize Mary in Jesus’ presence. Now gradually shift your thoughts from Mary to you sitting next to Jesus being fully present with him giving him your adoration. Give your group time to sit in this experience.

If you’re comfortable doing so, share a little bit about what it looked like for you to be in that moment with Jesus

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend’s message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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