

THAT YOU MAY KNOW

True Sacrificial Worship
John 12:1-11
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"Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair..." - John 12:3

I. TRUE SACRIFICIAL WORSHIP (12:1-11)

- The True sacrificial worship is motivated by trusting who God is, his promises, and the gospel (Ex. 20:2; Rom. 12:1; 2 Cor. 5:14-15; Titus 2:11-14).
- We all have natural talents, spiritual gifts, interests, passions, treasures, and life experiences that are to be used in worship of King Jesus.
- Know what your spiritual gifts are, develop them, and use them to serve God.
- Jesus is the greatest treasure in the universe (Psalm 73:25).
- Do we just give a dab of our lives to Jesus or do we pour out our lives for Jesus?
- No expense is too great to be spent on the sinless Son of God, who sacrificially died on the cross for our sins and was raised from the dead.
- In what ways do our lives display true sacrificial worship, from the heart, for the glory of God?
- Are we striving to get something from God or to glorify God? Are we striving to try to earn people's approval or God's approval? Are we striving out of worship and gratitude for who God is and the gospel?
- The fear of man always leads to idol worship. Why? Because we fear not getting something and we are controlled by whatever it is that we think we need.
- The fear of God leads to true sacrificial worship from the heart, for the glory of God.

KNOW: We will never truly worship, trust, and obey God from the heart for his glory until we truly know and trust in who God is and we truly know and trust in what he has already done for us through the gospel!

DO: Know who God is through study of the Bible. Thank and praise God several times a day for who he is and for the gospel. Out of gratitude for who he is and the gospel, trust and obey God in every area of life.

Suggested Reading:

A Gospel Primer by Milton Vincent
The Gospel of Jesus Christ by Paul Washer
Knowing God by J.I. Packer
The Attributes of God by Arthur Pink

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read John 12:1-11

1. Why does God tell us who he is and what he has done before he commands us to do something? (Ex. 20:2; Rom. 12:1, 2 Cor. 5:14-15; Titus 2:11-14)
2. Read 2 Cor. 3:18. What leads to true worship and change in our lives according to this verse? Are you doing this throughout the day? Why or why not?
3. Give an example of something you have seen or heard that was a beautiful act of true sacrificial worship? How did this encourage you to true sacrificial worship?
4. Is Jesus truly your greatest treasure? How does your life show this in sacrificial ways?
5. Consider and have a plan for how your natural talents, spiritual gifts, interests, passions, treasures and life experiences can be used in true sacrificial worship of King Jesus.
6. In what ways does your life show that you fear man? In what ways does your life show that you fear God?
7. Praise and thank God several times a day for some of his attributes and for Jesus dying on the cross for your sins and his being raised from the dead. Set at least two times a day for you to do this.