RIGHTLY RELATING TO JESUS

SERMON NOTES - John 12:1-12

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

JOHN 12:1-11

	SERVING JESUS IS	
	FOLLOWING JESUS IS	
	♦ HONORING JESUS IS	
	Can you think of a time you judged someone for their decision of service or worship? Why did you judge them? What made you feel like yo had the right to judge them?	u
	a. Why did Judas judge Mary? What does a judgmental spirit in situations show about your own heart? What things do people use to mask their own vacuous spiritual condition?	
2	What had just happened before this family/friend dinner? What happens after this family/friend dinner? So what is the real context of this party? Why was Martha serving and Mary sitting at Jesus' feet?	
	a. What world was Mary accustomed to inhabiting? Circle any of the following: the practical, the spiritual, the mystical, the emotional, the physical, the past, the present, the future.	
	b. What was Martha concerned with? What was Mary concerned with? What concerns could both women address in their own lives? How can the behaviors of these sisters inform our attitudes in the future?	J
3	Is your service characterized by your consideration from the heart of others, or do you think primarily of yourself?	
	a. When you work hard, especially when others don't join you or notice you, do you notice yourself becoming more critical of others, more judgmental, assuming the worst of their thoughts and motives?	

4	Have you ever met a penny-pincher, a miser, a "scrooge?" Judas was the dud in the crowd, calculating give to the poor, but rather to steal for himself.	every penny, not so he could really
	a. What are the marks of a false believer in the area of money? Look up the following passages to find e Peter 2:3.	out: 1 Timothy 6:9, Matthew 7:15-16, 2
5	Have you ever met a lavish, extravagant giver? Was Mary a show-off, pouring expensive nard all over	Jesus?
	a. What types of extravagant giving has God led you to do (private reflection) or what types of extravag of observing from another believer?	ant giving have you had the privilege
	b. Do you think American culture with a focus on retirement funds, emergency funds, fall-backs, self-car is missing out on extravagant service or extravagant worship?	re, and emotional/physical protection
	🔾 c. How can you live counter-culturally in the area of service, giving, and worship?	
6	Was Jesus making a statement about not giving to the poor in v. 8?	
	a. What does Jesus say about giving to the poor? Luke 12:33-34, Matthew 19:21, Matthew 7:9-13.	PRAYER REQUESTS
7	Describe what "going away" must have looked like to the Jewish leaders when people believed? To what ends were the leaders willing to go in order to keep their followers?	
	a. As believers, we have one ruler. What is his name? How do we respect our human leaders while serving and worshiping God alone? What is a signal that you are worshiping a human leader rather than the One true God?	
	b. How desperate can people get when their "worshipers" fall away? Do you have a "God" complex? How do you feel when you have no control over someone that you normally have power over? To what end are you willing to go to maintain your hero-worship status?	