



In the last week of Jesus' life before His crucifixion we see Him clearly focused on accomplishing His purpose...His mission. In the weeks leading up to Easter we will focus in on what He did and said, who He engaged with, and how he made decisions. As we follow Him on His journey to the Cross, what lessons will there be for us?

Week Five: What is Jesus Worth?

Text: Selected scriptures

Discussion Questions:

The following are based on the "My Application" Questions found in the bulletin this week. (Leader, urge your group members to attend worship—or watch the sermon online—and to spend time considering and answering those questions before coming to the group. This will produce a richer discussion time.)

- Why are the powerful religious leaders trying to eliminate Jesus rather than believe in Him? (See Matt. 26:3-4; John 11:47-53)
- Do you know people who view believing in Jesus as a threat to their way of life?
- Read the account of Jesus being anointed in John 12:1-8. What does this story reveal about how Mary and Judas each valued Jesus?
- Have you ever thought of Jesus in terms of what you GET or DON'T GET from Him?

- Have you ever expressed your love to Jesus in a dramatic way? What was that like?
- How do you answer the question “what is Jesus worth to me?” Could you prove it with your life choices?
- What is one thing you could do differently to better express the love you have for Jesus?

Prayer

Leader, you know your group. This week, try guiding them into more expressive worship in your Prayer time. What would be just outside their comfort zone? Here are some ideas:

- Ask everyone to participate by praying aloud, maybe by following a pattern. “Jesus I value more than _____.”
- Tell Jesus you love Him with “a ringing cry”: In one word, and a loud voice declare what you love about Jesus. (Mercy! Kindness! Compassion!)
- Play a favorite worship song at high volume(Search YouTube) and invite the group to sing along.

Application

Before you leave the group, write down the thing that came to mind that you could do to better express your love for Jesus (even if you didn’t share it with the group). Commit to DO something practical in that area this week and be prepared to share with your group next week.

Scripture Memory

*I tell you the truth,
wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world,
what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.
Mark 14:9*