



Growth Group Questions
July 19, 2026
“Sitting at the Feet of Jesus”

SCRIPTURE

John 12:1-8

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them^[a] with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it^[b] so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to be devoted to someone or something?
2. What does Mary's extravagance and her posture at the feet of Jesus tell you about how she viewed Jesus?
3. Why do you think Jesus defended Mary's actions which the disciples, particularly Judas, considered to be “waste”?
4. What does it look like to live a life devoted to Jesus?
5. How can we cultivate a heart like Mary's that is centered on Jesus?
6. How is Mary an example for us to follow?

7. Pastor Sherri challenged us to live for the kingdom of God rather than this worldly kingdom. What does that mean to you?
8. Pastor Sherri also challenged us to show the world around us the kingdom of God. How do we do that?
9. As you reread John 12:1-8 and consider your answers to the questions above, what are the key lessons you have learned from this week's sermon?