



Life Group Discussion Guide
Conversations with Jesus
Jesus and Judas – John 12:1-8

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Main thought: Are we willing to waste our life on Jesus?

Outline:

Losing your life for Jesus looks like...

1. Extravagant Love over Excessive Disdain
2. Self-Sacrifice over Self-Serving
3. Humble Hearts over Prideful Piety

Welcome and Fellowship Time (suggested time 10 min)

Open in Prayer

Week in Review (suggested sharing time 5-10 min)

- Discuss with one another where busyness has impacted your ability to impact others for Jesus.

Discussion Starter (suggested sharing time 5 min)

- Talk about some of the most meaningful conversations you have had in your life. What was some of the advice you gleaned from those conversations?

Sermon Review (suggested time 20 min)

Review John 12:1-8 and discuss the following questions.

- Discuss what contrasts you see between Mary and Judas knowing a little more of their stories from the past two weeks?
- Consider together what things we would characterize as our “alabaster jars” (those things that are most precious to us)? What responses, similar to Judas, would we give for not giving that which is most precious to Jesus? How can we avoid responding like the Rich Young Ruler (Mark 10:17-21)?
- How would you characterize your devotion to Jesus? Does it center more on prideful piety (about getting all the laws right, masking an unchanged heart) or a humble heart (where Christ is transforming your heart of stone)?
- What would extravagant love for Jesus look like for you?



Digging Deeper (suggested time 15 min)

Read Luke 14:25-34 and consider what it costs to live our life for Jesus.

- According to Jesus, there are four significant costs associated with following Jesus. Discuss those four costs found in this passage from Luke?
- The use of hate in Luke 14:26 can lead to confusion about whether we are supposed to love others or hate them. Here the word is used metaphorically, as we consider those things that can take priority over Christ. How can family and other priorities become idols?
- What conclusion can we draw from this passage about what it truly means to be a disciple of Jesus? (Consider Jesus' words in Matthew 16:26 for more discussion.)
- Are you willing to die to your own desires to live for God's will for you?

Application (suggested time 10 minutes)

- Have you given your life to Jesus, who gave everything for you? Surrender your whole life to Him.
- Think about someone you have been thinking about having a conversation with but haven't made the time. Make the time this week to have a face to face conversation with them.
- What are your priorities? Are you placing your trust, hopes and fears in the things of this world? This week prioritize giving the things most precious to you, to Jesus.
- The best conversation you can have this week is the one with Jesus. Understand He wants to chat about your hurts, plans for the future, and a purpose where He is at the center of all you do. Talk with Him this week!

Group Prayer Requests: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*

Spend time praying for each other & praying for application of the study in the lives of the group members. *(Suggested time 10 minutes)*