



# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Anything is Possible - Week 7  
Mary Anoints Jesus's Feet  
May 18-21, 2023

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**LEADER NOTES: Summer trimester: 6/5-7/30, Signup Weekends 6/1-6/11, Fall trimester: 8/28-12/10**

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THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: [coe22.com/readingplan](http://coe22.com/readingplan)

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**Share Wins, Praises and Prayers:** Where did you see God move this week?

**The Point:** The heart of worship is gratitude for who Jesus is and what He has done for us.

**SERMON TEXT:** *John 11:45-12:11; Psalm 42*

## Discussion Questions

**LEADERS:** There's no pressure to get through all the questions, we suggest prayerfully planning your choices. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes with each question.

**REVIEW:** Last week we asked, "What stone in your life is Jesus asking you to roll away?" Did you roll it away? If not, what's stopping you?

- **What stood out to you in the sermon this week?**
- **Read *John 11:45-12:11*. What did God reveal to you in the scriptures this week, maybe for the first time?**
- ***John 11:47-48* says, "So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, 'What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.'"**
  - Discover:** What does this scripture reveal about the true motives behind the religious leaders' hatred of Jesus? (*They worried believing in Jesus would take away their power, control, money and freedom.*)
  - Deepen:** What do you worry you might lose when you surrender everything to Jesus? What is He calling you to deny that you're hanging on to? (*You may fear losing control of your life and giving up desires, relationships and resources that don't align with God's purpose. But Jesus requires us to deny ourselves and follow Him for new life. "For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (Matthew 16:25). It's countercultural and counterintuitive but He is so worth it.*)
- **Mary's offering of gratitude comes right after a miracle in her life. Her gratitude and love for Jesus Christ welled up in her to the point of overflow.**
  - Discover:** Share a time when your gratitude and love for Jesus overwhelmed you.
  - Deepen:** Mary used an entire jar of expensive ointment on Jesus. She held nothing back. She loved Jesus intensely and her soul longed for Him. (See *Psalms 42*.) How or where have you held something back in your worship of Jesus and how can you cultivate a longing in your soul for Him in your daily life?
- **Martha, Lazarus, and Mary all respond differently to the presence of Jesus.**
  - Discover:** Discuss their responses. In which of the three ways are you mostly wired? Which may be harder for you and why?
  - Deepen:** Why should all three types of responses be evident in the life of a believer?
- **Judas was a consumer of the goods and services of Jesus. Mary was there to worship at His feet.**
  - Discover:** Describe some of the differences between being a consumer of Christianity and a worshiper of Jesus.
  - Deepen:** Share a time when you were a worshipper and a time when you were a consumer and how those different actions affected you.

## ACTION STEP

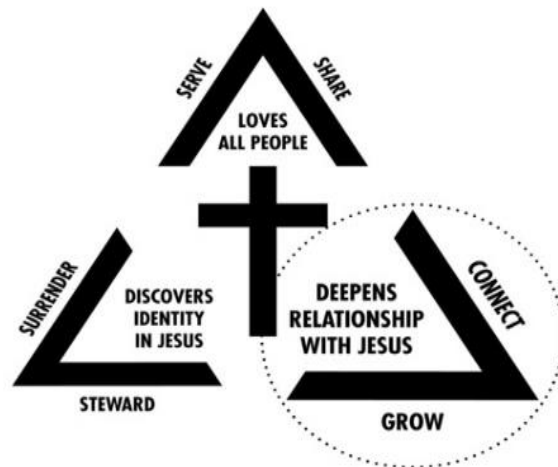
### **A Disciple...Loves All People, Discovers Identity in Jesus, Deepens Relationship with Jesus.**

Unexpressed gratitude is worthless. Mary shows extravagant gratitude to Jesus for who He is and what He did for her.

- Identify someone this week you're grateful for and express that gratitude to them.
- Share how that goes with your group.

Additional Resources:

- **RightNow Media:** Find *an unending supply of resources* by signing up for a FREE RightNow Media account. Go to [coe22.com/rightnowmedia](http://coe22.com/rightnowmedia) or text "RightNow" to 441122.  
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