

Women's Bible Study
Discussion Questions for March 28, 2018
John 12 ~ Angie Pankratz

1. Go to biblegateway.com and listen to an audio version of John 12.

2. In John 12:7-8 Jesus makes it very clear that worshiping Him should be our greatest priority - even more than good deeds like giving to the poor. What is an area of your life that feels this tension - an admirable deed that can distract you from loving the Lord with all your heart, soul and mind?

3. Though not exactly like Mary, the sister of Lazarus, have you ever felt led to do something in response to the Lord's work in your life that others view as peculiar or even foolish? What does 1 Cor. 1:18 and 1 Peter 2:9 remind us?

4. Consider John 12:16. Describe a time in your life that you could not make any sense of 'it' until much later when you looked back and then could clearly see how God was at work?

5. Read again John 12:20-22. The NIV study notes state that Philip's name was Greek which is probably why these Greeks felt comfortable asking him to bring them to Jesus. What is unique about your life that God could use as a bridge to draw a demographic of unbelievers to Himself? (Are you an artist, a former atheist, a marathon runner, a cancer survivor, etc.?)

6. John 12:42-43 is a very sobering passage. In our world full of "likes," "hits," "shares," etc., it's hard to not be dependent on the praise of others. Give three practical habits in your life to keep you grounded in the praise of God over the praise of man.

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1. Challenge yourself by reading John 12 again in a different version that you didn't the first time through.

2. Read Matthew 26:1-13 and Luke 7:36-50 and compare it with John 12:1-10. What clues about where, when or with whom the anointing in Matthew 26 took place confirm that those are separate events then that in John 12!?

3 At first glance Jesus' comment about the poor in verse 8 seems a bit insensitive. What is your favorite Bible verse that shows God compassion towards the poor? What is one way you've witnessed Christians doing a great job of being God's hands and feet to those in great financial need?

4. In verses 12-19 it appears that the people in Jerusalem were hoping for a different kind of King than that which Jesus promised to be. Name a time when your expectations of what God should do in your life was different than His perfect plan for it.

5. Do John 12:25 and John 10:10 contradict each other (hint: The Bible (truth) can never contradict itself)? Explain how both of those verses can be true!?

6. What does John 12:40 tell us God does to those who have heard and seen the Lord and yet continue in their unbelief? How should that verse convict those who feel like they are going to wait "just a little while longer" to get into a right relationship with God?