

Small Group Discussion Guide

“Scandalous” (pt. 3) – 11/9/2014

Scripture: John 12:1-11

Bottom Line: Worship is our response to the greatness of Jesus.

INTRODUCTION: List the first things that come to mind when you think about worship?

UNPACKING THE GOSPEL IN THE BIBLE:

Read John 12:1-11

What does this teach you about Jesus and worship?

- Worship is gospel motivated. Jesus comes to us, just as he came to them.
- Worship is Christ centered. They were all focused on him.
- Worship of God is of first importance because it is the great end of man.

What does this teach you about the worship of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus?

- Worship is a thankful response (not a joyless requirement)
 - In honor of Jesus coming to them, they had a feast!
- Worship is a lifestyle (not a song)
- Worship is soul reflection.
- Worship is deeply personal
 - Mary gave deeply. This reflects a soul devoted to and fully satisfied in Jesus. Mary's focus was on honoring Jesus by humbling herself (i.e. using her hair to wipe Jesus' feet).

What does this teach you about the worship of Judas?

- Judas was deceitful and only focused on himself.

How did their worship affect others?

- True worship leads to acts of justice for the poor.
- Worship is evangelistic. People were coming to Jesus because of what he had done in Lazarus' life.

LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE:

1. Based on what you learned about worship, where do you need to make improvements in your understanding and application of worship in your life?

2. What steps can you take to increase authentic worship in your life?