

LifeGroup Questions: Matthew 26:6-13
The Plan #2: Loving Extravagantly

1. Dan talked about the story of the Delgados, they were motivated to give for a number of possible reasons; they knew what it was to be poor, they had experienced generosity, and others around them were in need. But the reason that impacted Strobel was that Jesus was their greatest gift. What is the typical motivation for your generosity?

2. Read 2 Corinthians 11:3. How could Paul's challenge shape our Christmas?

3. Dan asked the question, "What is your Christmas passion?" What would the evidence be...of Christ being our Christmas passion? What would our Christmas look like, if he was our great Christmas passion?

4. Read Matthew 26:6-13. Dan described Mary's gift as a "love-burst." Have you ever had a love burst?

5. Other than giving him your life when you became a Christ-follower, what is the most extravagant gift you have ever given Christ?

6. What impacts you the most about that story? What lesson or truth or promise? What conviction?

7. Looking at the disciples indignation, Dan made the point that it is difficult to love extravagantly with a scarcity mentality. That's easy to understand when it comes to money, but are there other ways that a scarcity mentality operates in our lives?

8. Read Matthew 26:13. Jesus connected Mary's love-burst with the love-burst of the cross, forever connected her extravagant love with his. Christmas is part of the love-burst of God. You are extravagantly loved. Take some time and think of the ways in which you have experienced Christ's extravagantly love.

9. Where is God asking you to lean in to his love, to his epic story, through this encounter between Jesus and Mary?