

Week 3 – John 12:1-19

These studies are designed to help you lead your groups in a ‘free-flowing’ or ‘exploratory’ approach. Each study will follow a 5 step Bible study method: **Context // Structure // Observations // Meaning // Application**. We hope this teaches a helpful way for our group members to read the Bible well and enriches their own reading.

Questions in orange are optional ‘helper’ questions.

Pray for your time in God’s Word.

CONTEXT: What are the big things that have happened in John so far, and what happened in last week’s passage?

- How was 11:45-57 something of a ‘conclusion’ to chapters 1-11? (Hint: see verse 53)

Today we’ll break our passage into 2 sections.

Read John 12:1-11.

STRUCTURE: How is this section structured?

- What is the flow of events at this dinner given in Jesus’ honor?

OBSERVATIONS: What things stand out to you in this passage?

- How did Judas and Jesus respond differently to Mary’s actions?

MEANING:

- Given that not long before this, Jesus had literally risen Lazarus from dead, what do you make of both Mary’s response to Jesus and then Judas reaction to Mary?
 - What words would you use to describe Mary’s response? Judas’?
- What is the significance of Mary using her hair to clear Jesus’ feet?
- Why do you think Jesus was okay with Mary anointing him like this?

APPLICATION: How does Mary teach us to respond rightly to Jesus?

Read John 12:12-19

STRUCTURE: What is the flow of what happens in these verses?

OBSERVATIONS // MEANING:

- What do you think the crowd believe about Jesus, and what does Jesus want them to believe about himself?
- Looking at verse 16, what does John's comment about the disciples possibly reveal about the crowd's belief in Jesus?

APPLICATION: Considering John 12:1-19 as a whole... How does this passage affect our hearts, minds, lives?

- How is 'humble & joyful service' modelled to us throughout this passage?
- Anointing is typically associated with the establishment of the King. What does this passage teach us about the kind of King Jesus is?
- Why is our 'heart' response to Jesus of foremost importance?
- What are some opportunities you have open to you to humbly serve others?*

PRAY

**Some people in your group may be keen to start serving in a ministry team in church. This is a great way to practice what we believe about humble service. Perhaps you could send them to the website, where they can find someone to talk to about ministry:*

evchurch.info/serve

For your own reflection after the study:

Growth Group Leaders Reflection Tool

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ASK YOURSELF:



What was good?



What do I want to grow in?



What should I go and do next (what actions to take)?