

GOD MOVES US TO EMPTY OURSELVES
JOHN 12:1-8

DISCUSS:

1. Costly Sacrifice:

Mary gave up something extremely valuable—her dowry, her future security—for Jesus. Have you ever felt God calling you to sacrifice something significant, like a career opportunity, a relationship, or a personal dream? How did you wrestle with that decision, and what was the outcome?

2. Fear vs. Devotion:

Many times, we hesitate to fully express our devotion to God because we fear what others might think. In your workplace, social circles, or even family, have you ever struggled with openly living out your faith? How can we overcome the fear of judgment or rejection?

3. True Humility in a Self-Promoting Culture: Mary humbly wiped Jesus' feet with her hair, a sign of deep surrender and service. In a world that encourages self-promotion and personal success, what does true humility look like? How can we balance ambition with a heart of service?

4. Judging vs. Encouraging:

Judas criticized Mary's act of worship, questioning whether it was wasteful. Have you ever been tempted to judge how others express their faith or use their resources? How can we develop a heart that celebrates and encourages different expressions of devotion rather than critiquing them?

5. Surrendering Control:

Mary entrusted her future to Jesus instead of holding onto her own security. What is one area of your life—relationships, career, finances—where you struggle to trust God completely? How can we take practical steps toward surrendering control and trusting Him with our future?