

Group Study

Season 3: Light in the Darkness, **Week 8**

Passage: John 12:1-11

Pastor Esteban Tapia - Chapel, 9am, &

Pastor Ryan Lunde - Worship Center, 9 & 10:45am & 5pm (Chapel)

ICEBREAKER:

- What is the most memorable or extravagant gift that you ever received?

As a way to get into the study, go back over the Sermon Outline from Sunday:

In Jesus' Honor - Esteban Tapia

(9am - Chapel)

John 12:1-11

1. Make Him **feel at home** in your life.
2. Serve Him with **all your heart**.
3. Enjoy His **company**.
4. **Give** Him your best.
5. Appreciate His **presence**.
6. **Allow** yourself to be used by Him.
7. Be willing to **suffer** for His sake.

Purified of Impurities - Ryan Lunde

(9am & 10:45 Main Sanctuary)

John 12:1-11

Pure devotion is not based on **religious performance**, but on **personal surrender**.

What is purification? → Sacrificing **what I want** for **who I need, Jesus**.

What is impurity? → Sacrificing **who I need, Jesus**, for **what I want**.

When does purification happen? → **When life is hard** and **when I don't have** what I want.

Why is purification important? → **The way I want things is deadly.**

How can I be purified? → **Receiving the sacrifice of the One I need.**

The only way we can truly **sacrifice our dearest wants** is for us to totally **receive God's dearest sacrifice** for us.



Learning His Way

(Every week in these studies, we will ask questions about the Scriptures that try to help us Discover the unique Way of Jesus that is found in the text.)

1. Read & reflect upon John 12:1-11
2. What stands out the most from this weekend's message(s) and the reading today?
3. What all was done to honor Jesus in Bethany?
4. Who are the characters recorded in this Gospel passage? What motivated their actions? Whom do you relate to the most?



Forming His Heart

(This is the part of the study where we work on our own hearts. "How does my character need to grow and change because of this passage?")

5. Read The Message paraphrase of Psalm 139:23-24 and ponder this question:

Have I ever masked greed, selfishness, or pride with the appearance of concern for others?

Investigate my life, O God, find out everything about me; Cross-examine and test me, get a clear picture of what I'm about; See for yourself whether I've done anything wrong– then guide me on the road to eternal life.

Confess this to the Lord quietly or aloud if you feel the Holy Spirit prompting.

6. We live in a country of financial blessing, have you ever struggled with the tension of enjoying the pleasures of wealth and helping those in need?
7. Have you ever been impacted by the cost of following Jesus? Share stories amongst the group.



Joining His Mission

(This is the part of the study that we ask, “What would God want us to do because of this passage?”)

8. Is there a way that God might be asking you to worship and honor Him with your resources in a new or increasing way?
9. What are ways that your group might serve together with glad hearts? No service is too small or wasted when worshiping Him is your motivation.

General Church Announcements:

Thanksgiving Gift Card Drive - Donate from October 29 to November 19

Thanksgiving is a great time to celebrate all that God has done for us. However, many families in our church family need help to make this season special. We're collecting donations toward gift cards so the families can purchase food they need. You can donate from October 29 to November 19, or join our team to deliver cards between November 12-18. To donate or sign up to deliver visit:

<https://efcc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/583/responses/new>

Surviving the Holidays Grief Workshop - Saturday, November 4, 9-11:30am, Chapel Downstairs

www.efcc.org/events