

# Lost in **TRANSLATION**

## **SERMON RECAP: WHAT DID THE TEXT MEAN? WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**

The message this week focused on how being generous with others demonstrates our love and commitment. What feelings did the message churn up in you?

## **WARM UP**

Describe your first Valentine's Day with your spouse. How would you rate it on a scale of 1-10. (1-really bad, 10-no words to describe how awesome it was)

## **THE TEXT: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?**

- How did your 'people-to-love' challenge go from last week?
- As you reflect on your experience, what insights did it bring in your own life?

Read Matthew 26:6-16

- While we acknowledge that none of us were there when the event took place, how do you think the disciples viewed the woman after seeing her "waste" the perfume?

Share an experience in your own life where you felt someone else "wasted" something valuable. What did you think? Did you say anything? How did they respond?

- What is it inside of us that gets riled up when we see someone else "waste" something valuable?
- How old were you when you recognized that someone had given you an expression of care?
- When was the last time a loved one demonstrated an expression of care for you?
- What emotions did you experience? What were the circumstances around receiving that expression of care?
- How do you typically navigate the situation when a person gives you a gift?
- Some people would say they feel awkward because they don't feel valuable or worthy of gifts and the money should be spent on more important things. In light of the passage this week, if someone wanted to give you a gift to show you appreciation or care how should you receive and discern the gift?

Go back and look at v.11.

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- What thoughts come to mind when you read Jesus say the “world will always have the poor?”
  - It seems showing care and compassion is at the heart of giving. John 3:16 is a popular example of the heart of giving. What relationship does care and compassion have with your approach to generosity?

Collect prayer requests and then pair up and pray for the needs of the group.

## CLOSING THOUGHT

This week challenge yourself to be generous with those around you and when you give your gift be sensitive to your heart. Be present in the moment and ask yourself “Why am I giving this gift?” “How do I view this person?” “Do I need to give these feelings to Christ?”