

## WORSHIP

### SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:

Mighty to Save, Hosanna, Amazing Love

## WELCOME

**Help!** Share an incident in your life when you were desperately in need of help. What happened next?

## WORD

### JOHN 12:23-24; 27-28

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>27</sup> Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.

<sup>28</sup> Father, glorify Your name."

*Then a voice came out of heaven: "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again."*

It was in the time of the Passover that God planned for His Son, Jesus, to be crucified and sacrificed.

Six days before the Passover celebration, Mary of Bethany anointed Jesus' feet with expensive perfume. Judas objected to this extravagant display. However, Jesus knew that Judas was not really concerned about the poor for he was a thief and was only after the money (**v.4-6**).

We can see in Judas' attitude a clear disconnect between what he was saying and what he was doing. Sometimes, we are also like him when our actions contradict what we say. It is also possible that we do righteous looking things on the external but internally we are hiding a sin which we don't want people to know about. This attitude of Judas reminds us how we desperately need a Savior.

### WE ALL NEED TO BE SAVED

The large crowd that had come to the Passover feast proclaimed Jesus as the Messiah (**v.12-13**). However, these people wanted a Messiah that would liberate them from Roman occupation and not from the bondage of sin. So when it became clear to them that Jesus was not the Messiah they were expecting him to be, many of the people who first cried "Hosanna" eventually cried "Crucify Him."

Like these Jews, many of us have a distorted, self-serving idea of who Jesus should be. Some only need Him to be a genie who grants wishes. When Jesus does not turn out to be who we want Him to be, we easily turn our back on Him.

The Bible says that our heart is deceitful above all. We all deserve death and separation from God for all eternity because of our sin. This is why we all need to be saved. But because we are helpless and ungodly (**Romans 5:6**), we cannot save ourselves. Thus, we need a Savior.

### JESUS CAME TO SAVE US

The good news is Jesus' mission was to come and to give His life to save us. (**Romans 5:8**).

A grain of wheat or seed is set apart for a purpose. Its purpose is to die. Because only in death and being buried under the ground will it be able to bear fruit and be the blessing that it was meant to be (**v.24**). Jesus here was using an amazingly appropriate metaphor to describe His mission on earth, which is to die, in order that we will experience a new life in Him which shall last for eternity (**v.23-25**).

*"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

- **Romans 6:23**

This verse tells us that because of our sin, we deserve to receive death, an eternal separation from the presence of God. In exchange for our sin, the only acceptable solution to our problem is Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

When we come to faith in Jesus, when we give our life to Him and receive Him as our Lord and Savior, we become washed in His blood. And when the Father looks at us, He sees a person who has been cleansed by the precious blood of His Son and He sees the

## WORD (cont'd)

righteousness of Jesus imputed in us. This is why the Bible says there is no longer any condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus (**Romans 8:1**).

### GLORIFY HIM

As receivers of eternal life in Jesus, we are to honor Him in a way that is befitting the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Our lives are meant to be lived for Him and not for ourselves (**2 Corinthians 5:15**).

Mary had such an exalted view of Jesus. She lovingly expressed her gratitude to Jesus by anointing His feet with a very expensive perfume. She did not care that it was probably worth her lifetime savings. Mary glorified Jesus with her humble act of worship by giving all she had to Jesus.

For if Jesus is not Lord of all, He is not Lord at all. We glorify Jesus when we give our all to Him and by living a life that reflects His character.

Many believed in Jesus when He brought Lazarus back to life (**v.10-11**). Spiritually, we are like Lazarus. As the Bible says, when we accepted Christ, He brought us back to life. Our new life in Christ is a miracle that can help other people to believe in Jesus Christ as well.

We also glorify God by following the example of Philip and Andrew, who told Jesus about the people who were looking for Him (**v.20-22**). There are people around us whose lives are crying out for a Savior. We are to pray for and share the gospel to people who do not know Jesus yet.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

*(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)*

- 1. Die to Live.** What is the metaphor about His death that Jesus used in **John 12:23-24**?
- 2. Help Me.** What help did you ask from Jesus recently? How was your experience?
- 3. Show and Tell.** What will you do to reflect the glory of Jesus in your life and to draw people to Him?

## WORKS

### YOUR RESPONSE

What can you learn from Mary, Lazarus, Philip and Andrew from **John 12** in your response to glorify Jesus as your Savior and Lord? Who among them can you relate the most? Share your relevant personal experience with your accountability partner this week.

### WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

#### I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

#### II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants and a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation

#### III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

#### IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

#### V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends