



Bridge Church Home Groups Questions

Series: Finding Chemistry with God

Message: Loving God through Adoration

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read Matthew 26:6-13 & Luke 10:38-42
 - a. What do these two stories have in common?
 - b. What do these stories reveal about the love of God?
2. Gary Thomas writes "*Contemplatives seek to gaze lovingly into God's face and be caught up in the rapture of a lover's experience. They are marked by adoration.*"
 - a. Have you ever had a moment in your life where you felt "swept off your feet" by God?
3. In what ways could contemplation/adoration drive a goal-oriented person crazy? Why is it essential that we learn to just *be* with God, and not just *do things* for God?
4. The woman in Matthew 26 went "all in" for Jesus. She "recklessly" poured extremely expensive perfume (worth a years salary!) at the feet of Jesus. Instead of rebuking her, he commends her.
 - a. In what ways is loving God with full abandon uncomfortable for us? What might we be afraid of? Why can sacrificing time/talent/treasure to God be hard? What is the spiritual fruit of letting go?
5. How does adoration/contemplation tie into the biblical concept of sabbath?
 - a. What could it look like for you to practice this?

CHALLENGE:

Set aside some time this week for silent prayer to "be still and know that [God] is God." Ask God what it means to lavish your love "recklessly" on Him.