

*devoted*



# NOTES

*for today's message*

## **DEVOTED: AN EARNEST ATTACHMENT TO SOMEONE OR SOMETHING**

- A persons devotion shows you what you value.
- Our money runs downhill to our values

How can we grow our devotion to Jesus so that His value in our life is easily and naturally seen by others?

**JOHN 12:1-8** Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. 2 So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. 3 Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, 5 "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" 6 He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. 7 Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. 8 For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

- For Mary, Jesus is an end
- For Judas Jesus is an means to and end

**Do we follow Jesus for His agenda or for ours?**

### **3 Movements**

1. *How Bad*
2. *How Big*
3. *How Blessed*

## 1. How Bad

- Remind our heart of the condition we were in before we met Jesus
- The condition of our heart was fatal with no way out.

**EPHESIANS 2:1,3** And you were dead in the trespasses and sins... and were by nature children of wrath.

## 2. How Big

- God came to our rescue
- God had to pay a big price to rescue us

**ROMANS 5:6-8** For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**JOHN 10:11** I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

## 3. How Blessed

- Remember in the Gospel what we have in Jesus
- We have a new home and a new status
- Colossians 1:22 says Jesus presents us holy and blameless and above reproach before The Father.
- John 1:12 says we are children of God.
- Ephesians 1:3-8 God adopted us into his family.
- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 says we have been bought with a price.

**1 CORINTHIANS 2:9** “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him.”

- The 3 B's are really just a way for us to focus on the Gospel

**Grow in loving not just what Jesus has done for you but who He is for you.**

# STUDY GUIDE

*questions for later*

## Discussion:

1. What's one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?
2. **Reality check:** Are you doing things for the mission of the church because you are devoted to Jesus- He is the goal? *or* Are you doing things for the mission of the church that look like you are devoted to Jesus, but in reality, are for yourself?
3. Answer these questions as you move toward a life of devotion to Jesus:
  - How Bad was your life before Jesus?
  - How Big was Jesus' sacrifice for you?
  - How Blessed you are by what you have in Jesus?

## Action Steps:

- **HEART** - discover and deepen your relationship with Jesus through the daily devotional or a daily scripture reading plan. Invite three people of your same gender to commit to meeting together weekly for a year to discover and deepen your relationships with Jesus together.
- **HARD TO REACH** - identify someone this week who is far from Jesus. Find ways to hear their story and begin building a relationship with them.
- **HOME** - spend time with your family discussing ways to grow in devotion to Jesus so that His value in our life is easily and naturally seen by others.
- **HURTING** - identify someone who is hungry, sick, anxious, lonely, or has some other need. Find ways to meet that need.