

# DEVOTEMENT

A CALL TO...



...REMEMBER



...WORSHIP



...PRAYER



...BIBLE STUDY

## Devotement | A Call To...Worship | John 12:1-11

1. Thinking back to the first Sunday of our New Year teaching series, have you spent any time remembering the death of Jesus?
2. Do you know any good definitions of 'worship'? You might want to have a go at crafting a definition as a small group – it's not as easy as you might think it should be.
3. Does your definition from Q2 avoid the traps Chris shared concerning what worship is not? How is your definition less than perfect or complete?
4. How does your definition of worship compare to Paul's in Romans 12:1-2?
5. Have you ever been tempted to (or actually) left a church because of your worship experience? Where, do you think, is the line between corporate worship being genuinely unhelpful to you (because it's less than adequate in reality) vs a consumerist approach to corporate worship? Is one aspect of corporate worship more important than another? Why? Why not?
6. Reflect on the different individuals captured in John 12:1-11. Who do you most identify with, if at all?
7. Was Mary being wasteful and/or reckless? Discuss. What might your response be if Jesus prompted your heart to sacrifice your annual salary in such a way?
8. Mary has her critics in the story. Are there ways that your worship, or heart-response to Jesus, is inhibited by what others might think? How might you get to the point where you respond more to your heart than your critics?
9. Mary's act of worship seems to be a prophetic act, speaking of what was to come in Jesus' life. How is this so?
10. If *'the heart of worship begins from the heart'*, how metaphorically speaking are you ensuring that you are 'spending time at the feet of Jesus' to ensure that your heart is full of the things of God?
11. How is Esther Bouton's response to God's call an act of worship? Spend time praying for her. She flies/flew to Uganda at 7pm on Monday 10 January.