Life Group Discussion Questions

Life Group Discussion Questions John 12:1-12 For the week of October 2nd, 2022

Reading the Text:

- 1. In your own words, how would you articulate the big idea of this passage?
- 2. Knowing what John tells us about Judas in this story, what are we to understand about the motives behind Judas' interaction at the party?
- 3. Was it (and is it currently) common for a woman to wash someone's feet with her hair? Why or why not? Additionally, if a denarius is known to be about a day's wage, and 300 denarii translates to about a year's wages, what can we gather about Mary's sacrifice?
- 4. What is the biggest contrast in this passage? What was at the core of Judas' interaction? What was at the core of Mary's interaction?

Living It Out:

- 5. Three hundred denarii is equivalent to about a year's wages. What would a comparable sacrifice be in today's terms?
- 6. Judas eventually sold Jesus out for 30 pieces of silver, which many historians believe is equivalent to about \$250 in today's economy. What strikes you about the differences between the ways Judas and Mary ascribed value to Jesus?
- 7. Jesus spent a great amount of time warning about the pitfalls of money. Is money itself bad? Why or why not? In what ways can we assess our treasures by the way we use our money and resources (time, talents, and treasures)?