The Power of Love

Mark 14:1-9/John 12:1-8
Randy Watson 11/8/15

A Principle: Giving to God is NEVER a waste!
Matthew 6:19-21

Mark 14:10 - They all heard the same words of Jesus – hearing is not enough. You have to put the words into action.

Judas betrays Jesus – one of the root causes was his love of Money over his love of God

3. Jesus received the gift of worship and the blessing of giving continues to this day.
   Mark 14:8-9

Great lessons to be learned:

✓ Worship is our greatest purpose.
✓ One way we can bless the Lord is by blessing others...

+ Colton – AoK outreach – Bless a Vet

Love Gives Action:

Open your eyes and Bless a Vet – Use our Cards
Give to God by blessing Others
⇒ … Join us at our Auction Tonight

Next Week - Fall Series: The Power of Love
Love Enriches - Genesis 5:34
2015 Year of Love- The Power of Love

November’s Memory Verse: For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV)

Monday 11/9- Read Mark 14:1-11
Question: Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, “Why this waste of perfume?” Vs. 4
Truth: “Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me.” Vs. 7
Meditate: Mark 14:8- She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial.
Action: Worship God extravagantly.
What is Jesus asking me to do:

Tuesday 11/10- Read Matthew 26:2-16
Question: Why would this story be shared wherever the gospel is preached?
Truth: When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. Vs. 12
Meditate: Matthew 26:10- Jesus said to them, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me.
Prayer: Lord Jesus, may my gifts be received as a beautiful offering.
Action: Give generously.
What God is asking me to do:

Question: What was Judas Iscariot reward for betraying Jesus?
Truth: They were delighted and agreed to give him money. Vs.5
Meditate: 1Timothy 6:10- For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.
Prayer: Father God may my love for you always be greater than any other love in my life.
Action: But godliness with contentment is great gain.1Timothy 6:6

Thursday 11/12- Read Matthew 6:19-34
Question: How can you tell what a person truly desires in his heart?
Truth: For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Vs. 21
Meditate: Matthew 6:24 - “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.
Prayer: Father God, I heart and my service is yours.
Action: But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. Vs. 20
What is God telling me:

Friday 11/13- Read Galatians 6:1-10
Question: Why is it important to recognize the amount of sacrifice and not the amount of the gift?
Truth: Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, Vs 4
Meditate: Galatians 6:7- Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.
Prayer: Father God your love is amazing and you give me your love to share it with others.
Action: Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Vs. 10
What is God telling me:
**Life Group Outline- Love Gives**

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**Fellowship and Praises**

Take **20-30 minutes** as a group to share how *Loving God and Loving Others* has made a difference in my life.

Bible verse memorization: Share with the group your strategy for learning this verse.

**Bible Study Exercise: Read Mark 14:1-9**

Everyone in the room experienced the smell of the perfume she poured on Jesus. How do you see others benefiting from the gifts you give to God through your giving to Gateway?

This jar of perfume is estimated to cost one full year’s wages. Why do you think she gave such an extravagant gift?

**What would motivate you to give extravagantly?**

Many criticized her for wasting this valuable asset. Have you ever thought or questioned that the money I’m giving to God is a waste?

Why does worshiping God, who does not need anything, include giving something valuable?

**The Power of Love - Love Gives**

Read **Galatians 6:7-10**

Giving to God is so much more than just giving money. How does helping others and doing good represent giving to God?

Send Thank You cards to Veterans your group knows about. The AOK ministry produced cards, if you have not gotten yours, please contact the church office.

**Prayer Time** - pray for opportunities to love others

**Going Deeper: Read Matthew 6:1-34**

*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.* Vs. 33

**Real Application:** A loving person gives generously.