



Connect Group Discussion Guide

1. One of the many people who came to understand God's generosity through Jesus in the scriptures is Mary, the sister of Lazarus. Read the John verses. Think a moment about what these verses say to you. Share it with the group.
2. In these verses, she may have been treated as an outsider, but we are never an outsider with Jesus. What are some ways knowing Jesus can help people feel accepted?
3. "Nard" (or "Spikenard" in some translations) was a very costly ointment, an expensive perfume. Mary expressed her thanks to the Lord for resuscitating Lazarus from the dead by anointing His feet. In what ways can we show our thanks to the Lord for what He has done for us?
4. When she wiped His feet with her hair (wiping the feet of someone was a degrading act in Jewish culture), Mary was willing to risk this act of humility in the presence of everyone. She violated the rules of propriety by touching Jesus' feet. She poured so much perfume on His feet that it was necessary for her to dry them. What are a few things Jesus has done for you?
5. The house was filled with the fragrance of the oil after she poured. The result of Mary's devotion to Jesus filled the house with aroma. Her love for the Lord because of His generosity was staggering. When someone is generous to you, how do you usually respond?
6. A principle at work in these verses: True love gives sacrificially. That is what Jesus did for Mary and for us. What does that knowledge do for you?
7. Application of the verses: Mary was the embodiment of sacrifice. She generously gave to the Lord because of her great love for Jesus and what He did for her brother. What can we do each day to show our response to Jesus' generosity to us?

Series:
***GenerUS; God Has More for Me
Than Me***
"Responding to God's Generosity"

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Main Idea

Generosity defined is "a readiness to give more than necessary or expected".

God does that for us and we respond to Him in kind.

Key Scripture Reference(s)

Read aloud:

John 12:1-7

Your Faith in Action

What steps will you take this week to **show** others what you believe (in words, and in deeds)?

Mon: _____

Tue: _____

Wed: _____

Thu: _____

Fri: _____

Sat: _____

Sun: _____

This is a constant element, so you can practically live out your faith everyday.