

Standalone Sermon – Who is Jesus to You? Message Based Curriculum

Opening

- Begin with a brief welcome. Let your small group know that each campus took a slightly different approach to the message this weekend. Today's guide is shaped primarily around Duane Calvin's message from the Raleigh campus. If you have a chance to let your group know ahead of time, they can find the message on Hope's YouTube channel or wherever they listen to podcasts.

Discussion Questions – Who is Jesus to you?

CONNECT

1. **If someone followed you around for a week and had to describe who Jesus is based on your actions alone, what would they say?**
2. **What do you think your greatest love in life is? How do you know?**
3. **When was the last time you truly felt in awe of Jesus? What sparked that feeling?**
4. **Have you ever felt like Jesus was asking you to give something up to follow Him more closely? What was your response?**

DISCOVER

READ the following passages together Luke 10:38-42; John 11:1-6, 28-44; John 12:1-8

1. **Jesus Is the Priority (Luke 10:38-42)**
 - a. What distractions in life make it hard to prioritize Jesus?
 - b. What can we learn from Mary's decision to sit at Jesus' feet?
2. **Jesus is Able (John 11:1-6;28-44)**
 - a. How does Mary's faith in Jesus' challenge or encourage you?
 - b. Have you ever struggled to believe Jesus could work in a difficult situation?
Share your experience
3. **Jesus is Worth the Sacrifice (John 12:1-8)**
 - a. What does it look like to love Jesus sacrificially? Give some practical, real, modern-world examples.
 - b. How can our sacrifices leave an eternal impact?

APPLY

1. **Living out your faith means responding like Mary did:**
 - a. **Making Jesus the Priority:** What small change can you make this week to sit at Jesus' feet more consistently?
 - b. **Trusting Jesus' Ability:** What's one area where you need to believe Jesus is able to work?
 - c. **Demonstrating Sacrificial Love:** Identify a way to pour out your love for Jesus through serving others.
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Respond

1. **Group Prayer:** Close in prayer, thanking God for who He is and asking for the courage to live in response to Jesus' example.