

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



THE GIVING
EXPERIMENT

WEEK 3 HYPOTHESIS: Costly Love=Costly Sacrifice

In Luke 7:36-47 we hear the story of Mary, a "sinner" who anoints Jesus with an expensive perfume at the home of a Pharisee. We learn in the message that the jar she uses was likely a family heirloom that might have been set aside for her as a dowry. On several levels, she is demonstrating costly sacrifice. With your group, discuss a time when you similarly sacrificed in response to God's love for you, or you witnessed someone else demonstrating that level of sacrificial giving.

Pastor Schlie teaches in his message that, "Sacrifice is at the heart of true love." Aside from Jesus, what biblical stories and characters come to mind when you hear this statement?

Tithing is often framed as a spiritual exercise in trust to bring you closer to God and more reliant on Him for your needs. While tithing (i.e., giving 10%) does have a personal impact, it also has a global one. Dream together of the ways that Messiah could bring the Gospel to our community if all of us were tithing givers.

Tithing is one way to say, "Jesus, you come first." In what non-monetary ways can you give to exhibit that same sentiment?
