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Mark 14:1-11

Virtue = _____

To know whether something is _____ (virtuous) requires knowing its _____.

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Question #1 - What is the chief end of Man?

Answer - Man's chief end is to _____ God, and to _____ him forever.

Psalm 86; Romans 11:36; 1 Corinthians 6:20, 10:31; Philippians 4:4; Revelation 4:11

On the Outside (The Bread)

The religious elite and Judas had the same _____:
Jesus stood in the way of their glory. Their _____

led to _____.
John 12:23, 13:30-32, 17:1-5

On the Inside (The Meat)

Mary glorified Jesus by _____ her glory and
_____ to _____.

Romans 8:32; Philippians 2:6-8

Living Into Our Purpose

To glorify God means _____ God's worth by
_____ God the _____ we have.

1 Peter 4:10-11

Memory Verse

"For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen."

Romans 11:36

MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Begin to follow Jesus as my Lord and Savior for the first time today
- Memorize Romans 11:36
- Commit to a life of glorifying God with all that I am by giving God the best that I have
- Ask God to show me areas in my life where I've yet to do what I can
- Get the most out of today's teaching by attending my Life group



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Discussion Questions - Week #6

LIFE GROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the weekend sermon, "Who's Your Jesus," Summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Looking at your notes, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Do you plan to take any practical steps this week in response to the message?

GETTING STARTED

In the message this weekend, Pastor Andrew shared one traditional Christian understanding regarding the purpose of humanity, which is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. If someone were to ask you what humans are for, how would you respond?

Where do you see Christian virtue lining up with or standing in conflict with virtue defined by our culture?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read 2 Samuel 6:1-23. What stands out to you?

Why did God strike down Uzzah?

What does Michal's reaction to David's worship reflect her understanding of God?

What can we learn from David's willingness to publicly display his love for God despite his royal status?

What does the way you live communicate to others about how much you value God?

Do you think we need to be expressive in worship to glorify God and declare His worth?

2. Read Colossians 1:15-29. What does Paul say about Jesus that suggests He is worthy of glory?

How does Paul expect us to live in light of who Jesus is and what He has done?

What is the "mystery" the Apostle Paul writes about?

How does it bring both hope and glory into our lives?

How do Paul's words challenge or encourage you to live differently?

FOR PRACTICE

In our text this weekend, we read the story of Jesus' anointing in Mark 14:1-11. Jesus defended the woman's actions from the disciples, stating that she was preparing his body for burial. He also said that "she did what she could." Consider setting aside time this week to ask God to show you areas where you are doing less than you could. Ask God to instill in you godly conviction and a joyful desire to follow her example and do what you can for Jesus.

SHARE IT

Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for ERBC and the churches in the Eagle Rock area to embrace our calling to reach our community with the good news of the gospel. Pray for passionate witnesses, open doors to share, and receptive hearts and minds in those to whom we witness.