

	<p>questions for reflection</p> <p>series: "Things We Need to Hear Jesus Say" We know that often we only hear what we want to hear when someone is talking, but what about Jesus? Do we already have an idea of what he might be saying to us before we begin to listen? Do we truly listen and hear what Jesus says? This seven-week Lenten series will engage moments in Scripture where Jesus speaks words we need to hear.</p> <p>part 3: "You have done a beautiful thing" by Dave Terpstra on Tuesday March 10, 2009</p>
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What do you see as the most impractical values and lifestyle choices that come with following Jesus?

What is most personally costly for you in following Jesus? Get beyond financial costs, and reflect on time, relationship, and emotional costs.

What is the most extravagant thing that someone has ever been done for you?

What is the most extravagant thing you have ever done for someone else?

What is the most extravagant thing God has ever done for you?

What is the most extravagant thing you've ever done for God? Why did you do it?

Matthew 26 tells the story of the anointing of Jesus. Reread verses 6-13

- Which characters in the story do you more relate to – the disciples or the woman?
- Why does Jesus call an expensive act beautiful and not wasteful?
- What are some things that happen in the Church or in the name of God that seem wasteful to you?

Beautiful or practical...which better describes what it looks like to follow God? Why?

Which more describes your relationship with God and how?

Mother Teresa encouraged people to "do something beautiful for God." Thinking about that quote and this story in Matthew 26, what are some beautiful things you do for God right now? What is something that you can do but don't currently?