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- Charles Spurgeon

John 12:1-11

1. Jesus didn't come just to give us hope, he came to be our hope.
2. Hope that expresses love to God is based on who he is not just what he does.
John 12:23-26, Ephesians 5:1-2, 2 Cor. 2:14-15 (ESV)
3. Is the cost of self-sacrifice worth it?

Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

Celebrate and Care:

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

Big Idea:

Jesus came to be our hope, not just give us hope. The circumstances of life will not derail hope that is firmly anchored in Jesus's death, burial, and resurrection.

Open Up:

What is your favorite scent?

Discuss:

Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.

- ▶ Charles Spurgeon said, "The Bible is not the light of the world, it is the light of the Church. However, the world does not read the Bible, the world reads Christians." Talk about the quote – how is the world reading Christians today?
- ▶ What is the difference between Jesus giving us hope and Jesus being our hope?
- ▶ Pastor Matt talked about a burden on his heart for "people who have walked away from faith for unnecessary reasons, and who have faced or are facing disappointment, discouragement, doubt." How can we come alongside these people in whatever season they are in and help them find a reason for their hope?
- ▶ In what ways do people today seek miracles instead of the miracle worker?

Engage:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.

Read 2 Corinthians 2:14-15. What is the scent your life offers? Ask Jesus to give you a name.

Is there an area of your life where God is asking you to be an extravagant giver?

Is there a hope you could plant and trust God for the outcome?

Close together in prayer.