

## March 3, 2024 – Community - TREASURE

We all like to feel special. Perhaps that's why kids (and others) love birthdays so much – because the birthday person is special! Or as high schoolers going to prom – you get to wear special, fancy clothes, so people can really see and notice you! When we feel special, we feel seen, heard, and loved. We know we're recognized, and someone has seen the good in us, right? Join us this weekend as we look at how to build commUnity by treasuring others in ways that make them feel special. We'll join Jesus and the woman who anointed His feet with perfume and let them set some examples for us!



### Scripture:

#### Psalm 139:13-18 NLT

Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother's womb. I thank you, High God—you're breathtaking! Body and soul, I am marvelously made! I worship in adoration—what a creation! You know me inside and out, you know every bone in my body; You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit, how I was sculpted from nothing into something. Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth; all the stages of my life were spread out before you, Your thoughts—how rare, how beautiful! God, I'll ever comprehend them! I couldn't even begin to count them—any more than I could count the sand of the sea.

#### John 12:1-7 NLT

Six days before the Passover celebration began, Jesus arrived in Bethany, the home of Lazarus—the man he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>A dinner was prepared in Jesus' honor. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those who ate with him. <sup>3</sup>Then Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard, and she anointed Jesus' feet with it, wiping his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, the disciple who would soon betray him, said, <sup>5</sup>"That perfume was worth a year's wages. It should have been sold and the money given to the poor." <sup>6</sup>Not that he cared for the poor—he was a thief, and since he was in charge of the disciples' money, he often stole some for himself. <sup>7</sup>Jesus replied, "Leave her alone. She did this in preparation for my burial. <sup>8</sup>You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

### Questions:

- Who makes you feel special? What do they do? Say?
- Who do you go out of your way for – to make them feel and know they are special in your life?
- This week, try making people feel special – not just the people you know well, but look around you each day. Who might need a word of encouragement or support? Who might benefit from some kindness? Really see people and then make them feel special!

### Reading for the Week:

**Monday:** Romans 12:10

**Tuesday:** Colossians 3:14

**Wednesday:** Hebrews 10:24-25

**Thursday:** Romans 15:2

**Friday:** John 15:13