



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 1: Why Wasn't This Sold?

Suggested Week of Use: March 5, 2023

Core Passage: John 12:1-11

News Story Summary

While ice fishing on East Okoboji Lake in Iowa recently, 17-year-old Joseph Salmon watched as a Jeep fell through the ice into the freezing water. When Joseph saw what was happening, he jumped into action. After calling 911, he ran to the vehicle and jumped into the water, risking his life to help those inside. Unable to get the door open, Joseph used another man's knife to break the back window. The driver, an 83-year-old man, was stuck and couldn't get to the back to escape. When he saw the man struggling, Joseph climbed into the Jeep to free him. Eventually Joseph, with the help of four others, was able to lead both the man and his dog to safety.

For more about this story, search "Teen saved 83-year-old man and his dog from an icy lake."

Focus Attention

To supplement **Focus Attention**, encourage the group to recall a time when they risked or sacrificed something significant for another person. Allow an opportunity for a few volunteers to share those experiences. Ask: *What emotions were you feeling at that time?* Discuss the significance of being willing to sacrifice something significant for someone else. Share the story of Joseph Salmon rescuing the man from the icy lake. Briefly discuss why Joseph was willing to take such a risk to save a man he didn't know. Say: *Sacrifice is not something we take lightly, because of the cost or potential cost involved.* Explain that in this session, adults will see how the sacrifice of one woman proved to be a sweet expression of worship toward Jesus.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement **Summarize and Challenge**, remind the group of the teenager who risked his life to save a man he did not know. Ask: *What happened as a result of Joseph's actions?* (Possible answers: *man's life was saved, teen became a hero, possibly a friendship began, and so forth*) Explain that when we sacrifice for someone, we are recognizing their value and their worth. Note that the woman who sacrificed her perfume to anoint Jesus recognized who He was. Say: *Her sacrifice was an act of worship.* Encourage the group to identify ways Christians can express their worship toward Jesus. Close in prayer, praising God for the opportunities we have to worship Him.