## The ONE!

# "A Sacrifice for One": Matthew 26:6-13 March 26, 29-30: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

"Lord, what do you want to do through me to accomplish Your will for SCC?" God measures the amount of <u>sacrifice</u>... not the amount of dollars.

"Sacrifice is giving up something you love for something you love more."

#### 1. We Can Choose to Make a Loving Sacrifice!

Mary found a way to get her great love and gratitude out of her heart and into her action!

Mark 14:8

"The problem with deep belief is that it costs something." Blue Like Jazz

2 Corinthians 8:9

There is temptation to think it's easier to sacrifice when you have <u>less</u>. When you have more, sacrifice is harder because the amount is so much more. *2 Samuel 24:24* 

God is not looking for equal gifts...but equal sacrifice.

#### 2. We Can Choose to Make Lavish Sacrifice!

If you follow Mary's example of lavish generosity, people will criticize you.

Judas Iscariot was one of the critics of Mary's sacrificial generosity.

John 12:6, 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

It doesn't matter what you give the Lord, people who love money more than Jesus will always object.

The strongest objection to sacrificial generosity will come from your own fallen human nature.

Treasures in heaven are laid up...when treasures on earth are laid down.

#### 3. We Can Choose to Make a Lasting Sacrifice.

The best thing we can do with money is to use it to exalt Jesus Christ, so He will draw our One to Himself for eternity.

#### **Two Critical Questions:**

- Where is your ultimate <u>hope</u>?
- What about your alabaster jar? Luke 12:34

"He is no fool who gives up that which he cannot keep, for that which he cannot lose." Jim Elliot "For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

#### ONE Prayer

This week of The ONE Campaign, we want to seek God for what He wants us to sacrifice in our lives. He does not ask us to sacrifice to earn anything from Him and He doesn't ask us to bring sacrifices as part of a ritual as was customary in the Old Testament. Instead what He wants from us first is humility and a heart for Him.

"For You will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; You will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise." Psalm 51:16-17

Each day as you pray, ask God to reveal to you areas of your life that He considers excess. Fight the temptation to compare yourself to others, but focus on what is excess in your life. Then ask Him what He wants your family to sacrifice to The ONE Campaign.

## **Ministry Opportunities**

For more information about these and other events, go to SavannahChristian.com/Events.

**Family Fishing Day** 

7 – 11 a.m. Saturday, April 5

## **Henderson Lake**

Bring your fishing gear and spend the morning with your family at Henderson Lake. This is a fun opportunity to invite friends and neighbors who are not connected with the church to share fellowship. Sign in and fill out a liability waiver at the table by the lake when you arrive. Catch and release only. You will need your own equipment. This event will take place the first Saturday of every month throughout the summer season.

### **REAL Time**

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 8

#### **Adult Ministry Center across the street**

Ladies, join us for REAL Time, an opportunity to connect with other ladies for a spring picnic, fellowship and laughter as we share and encourage each other in our walks with Christ. Meet up with old friends and make new ones. Speaker Marlene Thornton will share a story of God's amazing grace that will touch your heart. Purchase your \$6 ticket at SavannahChristian.com or at a Connection Kiosk by Tuesday, April 1.

Elevate Seder Meal Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, April 9, 12 & 13 Elevate Auditorium 1

At Passover, Jesus and His disciples ate a traditional Seder meal where they remembered what God had done for Israel. Parents of kids in kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to attend Elevate services with their children to learn about and participate in a Seder meal. This experience is a great opportunity to bring Bible events to life and to celebrate and remember God's goodness as a family.