



## Part 3: Pouring Out Your Best

The unknown can feel overwhelming. But our theme for the series—Don't let what we don't know rob us of what we can do—challenges us to act even now. What if simply acting is not the answer? What if there is more that we can do? What if there is a way to access our best even in these times?

### Discussion Questions

1. Let's say for just a moment that the pandemic is over and it is safe to gather in groups. You are in charge of planning a get-together for all of your friends and loved ones to celebrate. Where would you have the celebration? What would it look like? What would you serve?
2. Since we are playing "Let's Pretend," imagine you are at the dinner with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. Who would you want to talk with? What would you ask them?
3. Read John 11:32 and 12:3. Which of Mary's reactions resonates with where you are now? Why?
4. These are challenging times, no doubt. Jeff points out, "The challenges in our lives are chapters; the faithfulness of Jesus is the story."
  - What do you think he means?
  - Think of an example of the faithfulness of Jesus in your story. How can Jesus's past faithfulness affect your view of the road ahead?
5. What gets in the way of pouring out your best, especially in this current season? What are some things you can do to work around these obstacles? How can factoring in the faithfulness of Jesus help?
6. Jeff gives us some areas where we can pour out our best. Which area is close to your heart? For each of the action items given, share why it's important for us to do these things. Pick one to act on this week.
  - Be delightful.
  - Help the next gen. win.
  - Be generous.
  - Excellence matters.
  - Follow Jesus.

### Moving Forward

Pouring out your best may be the last thing on your mind right now. I mean, there is a pandemic. There are lots of obstacles. But when we factor in God's faithfulness, both now and forever, our best may be the least we can do and the road ahead won't seem quite as daunting.