**A Spring Bursts Forth**

**Discussion Guide**

**Summary**

This sermon explores the supreme value of knowing Christ and how that understanding leads to willingness to sacrifice for Him. The pastor uses the analogy of underground springs forming in the wilderness to illustrate how God works beneath the surface during our difficult seasons. He emphasizes that God can bring water (deliverance) to us in the wilderness, rather than always needing to bring us out of the wilderness to find relief.

**Intro Prayer**

Lord, as we gather to discuss Your word, open our hearts to understand the supreme value of knowing You. Help us recognize Your faithful work in our lives, even when we can't see it. Guide our discussion and reveal Your truth to each person here. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Ice Breaker**

Share about a time when something good unexpectedly came out of a difficult situation in your life.

**Key Verses**

Philippians 3:7-8

John 16:33

Isaiah 43:19

Psalm 126:5

Psalm 139:7-14

**Questions**

What does it mean to count everything as loss compared to knowing Christ?

How does the story of Mary's expensive nard perfume demonstrate the value of Christ?

In what ways have you experienced God's faithfulness during wilderness seasons?

How can we maintain faith when we can't see God working beneath the surface?

What are some 'springs in the wilderness' that God has provided in your life?

How does understanding Christ's supreme value change our perspective on sacrifice?

What tears are you currently sowing that you're trusting God to turn into joy?

How can we help others recognize God's work during their wilderness seasons?

**Life Application**

This week, identify an area of your life that feels like a wilderness. Instead of focusing on escape, look for ways God might be creating springs right where you are. Keep a daily journal of even the smallest signs of His faithfulness.

**Key Takeaways**

Knowing Christ's true value enables us to sacrifice joyfully for Him

God can bring water (deliverance) to us in the wilderness Our tears and trials are not wasted but can become springs of blessing

God is always working, even when we cannot see it

Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy

**Ending Prayer**

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your faithful presence in our wilderness seasons. Help us trust in Your underground work when we can't see immediate results. Give us patience to remain where You have placed us, knowing that You can bring forth springs in the driest places. May we value knowing You above all else. In Jesus' name, Amen.