

Small Group Study Guide

ICE BREAK

- Talk about a time when you did a beautiful thing?
 - What is the most beautiful thing someone has done for you (specifically)?
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STUDY

This week we focus on the power of extravagant, singular devotion to Jesus.

What makes Jesus worth our devotion?

- 1. Read Mark 14:1-3 Pouring it on a.** What had Jesus done recently to prove he was not a people-pleaser? b. What are the various meanings of anointing at that time? c. How did this anointing take the attendees out of their comfort zone? d. How would you react if someone spent a year's salary, or all their life savings on one event? e. What would be worth **you** giving that amount to someone/thing?
- 2. Mark 14:4-8 It Stunk to Some:** a. Talk about Jesus' courage to stand up to the religious establishment. b. How do you explain it-what was its source? b. How does Jesus' example help your attitude and courage in our hyper-critical society? c. What is considered beautiful by Jesus that culture does not? D. talk about a time you put yourself out for someone and were rejected/criticized for it (something beautiful-a person, church, a cause.
- 3. Mark 14:3, Perfume & Blood Poured Out** a. How was this a pre-burial ritual for Christ? b. How does it make sense that Jesus' death was planned and a good thing? c. Had you been following Christ would that seem normal? D. Discuss a time when God multiplied something you poured yourself into? Someone poured themselves into you?
- 4. Mark 10-11 Disappointment With Jesus** a. What led Judas to betray Jesus-how did he think he was doing the right thing? b. When has God seemingly disappointed you? c. Is there a time in your life you were disillusioned with Jesus? His followers? d. How

did you recover your faith and trust? (i.e. Your view of God and/or yourself).

- a. How Three reactions to Jesus-Religious leaders, Judas, the Woman.
 - b. Here What most strikes you about her story?
 - i. What things have you loved extravagantly?
 - ii. How have you loved Him extravagantly? What have you received from Him in return?
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REFLECT

- Reflect and Discuss "What story of your life will be told after you are gone?"
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PRAY

- Pray for each gratitude for Jesus' extravagance he has lavished on us.
- Follow up on past prayer requests.
- Pray for the mission to tell yours and God's story in your life.