

Getting to Know Each Other.

Share light refreshments. Go around the group and introduce yourselves and talk through this question: *“What is the most valuable thing you have ever held in your hands?”* *

Follow up. Did you get to share with someone about Jesus this past week?
Or how else did you obey Jesus?

Vision. Jesus told us to “Make disciples.” The purpose of our Life Group is: To help people become Believers in Jesus and grow up to become Disciple Makers.

Bible Study Introduction. Jesus was invited into the home of a man who had been healed of leprosy. During the meal, a woman broke a sealed jar of perfume worth over \$10,000 and poured it ALL out on Jesus. In the book of John (12:3), it tells us that when she did this, the fragrance filled the house. This takes place just a few days before Jesus’ crucifixion.

Pray. Before we read the Scripture, let’s pray that God will speak to each one of us.

Read. We will read through the passage two times and then discuss it, so listen carefully. Get two people to read **Mark 14:1-11**. **

Discuss these questions, one at a time, encouraging everyone who wants to respond to do so. Remind the group: Keep your answers based just on this passage.

1. What stands out or surprises you in this passage?
2. What does it show us about people and choices we can make?
 - What does the negative reaction of the people reveal about what they valued in life?
 - What does this woman’s extravagance show about what she valued?
 - How do you think it made her feel when she heard the criticism of what she did?
 - Why do you think we are so quick to criticize other people?
 - What are some different kinds of “aroma” or atmosphere people can bring into a room?
3. What does this passage show us about God?
 - What does Jesus’ reaction show that He valued and was pleased with?
 - In a different situation, Jesus might have wanted the perfume to be sold and the money used in another way. How can we know what Jesus wants us to do with what we have?
 - What is something Jesus want you to do to express your love for Him?

Obeying Jesus. As disciples of Jesus, we want to follow Jesus in whatever way He is leading us today. As we pray silently for 30 seconds, see if God speaks to your heart. Pray something like this:
“Lord Jesus, what do you want me to do with what You are showing me today?” [30 sec. silent prayer]

Remember to obey what God is saying to you. And this week ask God who He wants you to talk with about Jesus. Let’s close in prayer.

Closing Prayer.

Pray something like: “Lord, prepare the hearts of the people we will be sharing the Good News of Jesus with this week. And give us strength and joy as we follow You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

** If there are no new people, you can skip the “icebreaker.”*

*** Reading from different translations often helps.*