

The Gospel of Mark Message Series

Discussion Guide based on the morning message on June 20, 2010

A Life of Worship and Waste – Mark 14:3-9

Big Idea: Get extreme abandoning yourself to God in your worship and devotion.

ICE BREAKER DISCUSSION

- Have you ever had a day when you were totally worn out? Have you ever had a day when you were totally worn out for a cause? Was the feeling different?
- What is your most valued possession? Does it have any spiritual significance? Can it be used for the advancement of God's kingdom? What would it take for you to give it up? How does Mark 14:3-9 relate to the previous question?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What was the significance of Mary using the perfume? (For Mary and For Jesus)
- Contrast Mary and Judas in their view of what the perfume could be used for.
- What can happen to you when you get serious about the worship of Jesus? (You may look crazy.)
- In verse 6, Jesus said that Mary had done a beautiful thing. How can you apply this statement to your life?
- What holds us back in giving to Jesus in an extravagant way? What is the reward for it? What do you do for God because you love Him and not out of duty?
- When it comes to our service, what does God want from us? (Devotion out of love and not duty.)
- What comes before reckless/extreme abandon to the Lord? (Simple obedience in the things we know to do.)
- In verse 8, Jesus said, "She did what she could." How does this statement apply to your life?
- Larry said the we must learn to abide in the Holy Spirit. Examine what that means and how it can be accomplished.

APPLICATION

- How did Mary's act look before Jesus statement in verse 8? (impractical) What does it look like after Jesus statement in verse 8? (practical) What is the application for us?
- Think about God's treasury. What have you put in there?
- What is the "butterfly effect" spiritually speaking?
- 1 Corinthians 11:15 relates to the passage in Mark 14:3-9 as we put it into context with Luke 10 and John 12. What is the application of Mary using her hair to wash Jesus feet?