

A Holy Waste **Mark 14:1-9**

Ice Breaker: Describe a time when you felt like you wasted your time, money, or energy on something or someone. Would you do it again? Why or why not?

Big Idea: Spend time, money, and energy on Jesus – because He’s worth it – even on those days when it feels like you’re not “getting anything” out of it.

Digging Deeper:

- 1) Read Mark 14:1-5. What would you have been thinking about this woman if you had been at this dinner party when she poured a year’s wages (in perfume) on Jesus’ head?
- 2) Read Mark 14:6-8. How does Jesus respond to the people who rebuke this woman for her extravagant act? Why is her act of devotion so significant?
- 3) Read Mark 14:9. Even though this woman wasn’t seeking man’s approval when she poured out her perfume – how does Jesus say that she will be honored in the eyes of man?
- 4) Speculate about how many people have now heard about (and been inspired) by this woman’s act of devotion. Do you think she had any idea of the impact that she would have on the world – because of her act of devotion to Jesus?
- 5) Now that this woman is in the presence of Jesus – do you think there is any regret about how much of her costly perfume she poured out on Jesus? Why or why not?
- 6) What is a 21st century way that you could pour out perfume on Jesus? Share ideas with each other and then pray for each other to carry out these acts of devotion to Jesus.