

Extravagant Generosity 5 for Jesus

Mark 14:1-11

- 1. Can you think of and describe a movie / TV episode where everyone had different motivations and plans for what should happen?**
- 2. Read Mark 14:1-11.**
- 3. What is driving the religious leaders? What outcome do they want and what will they do to get it? What do you think was Judas' motivation to betray Jesus?**
- 4. In verse 3, what did the woman do for Jesus? What was her motivation and attitude to Jesus?**
- 5. Some objected strongly to what the woman did and rebuked her (4-5). Were they right to be concerned about the welfare of the poor? Is it right to criticise how others use their money/resources?**

6. Each person in this passage is responding in different ways to Jesus – his teaching, miracles and ministry in their life. Share with the group how you have responded to Jesus in your life.

7. What was so significant about the woman's anointing of Jesus in verses 6-8? Why was it a 'beautiful thing'?

8. What is the difference between generous and extravagantly generous?

Thinking again of the actions of Jesus in the lives of those in the passage, would you describe Jesus' actions before and after this dinner as extravagantly generous or generous?

9. What does this passage reveal to us about Jesus' kingdom priorities?

10. What ideas do you have to help us grow individually and as a community in our practice of generosity towards God and others in life?

11. What is one thing, perhaps in the practices of prayer or generosity or something else, that you would like to meditate on to deepen your Easter journey this year?

12. Pray for each other.

