



Waste

Main Scripture: Mark 14:1-11
Additional Scripture: Luke 7:36-50

Hearing: Discussion Questions

- Pastor Mike said “waste is when you pay too much for too little.” The human heart simply wants the most by paying the least. Where is this true in your life?
 - Where is this true in your walk with Jesus?
- **Read Mark 14:1-5.** Would you be willing to give away almost a year’s wages for the Kingdom? What thoughts run through your head and what stops you from doing so?
 - What keeps you from being extravagant (not just with money)?
 - What in your life is in need of some extravagance?
- Jesus is looking for a response of extravagance. What does extravagance look like in 21st century Gainesville, FL?
 - How do we show extravagance in our small group? With our money? With our time? With our affection for Jesus? With our lives?
- “If your life of extravagance is not offensive to others, you might need to go deeper.” Do you agree with this? Explain.
 - Where have you seen offensive extravagance? Give some examples.
- **Read Luke 7:36-50.** Pastor Mike said that the story of Mark 14 was probably in response to this act of extravagance, which brought home his point that discipleship is imitative. Share some stories of how someone else’s extravagant walk with Jesus changed you.
 - Take some time to point out some extravagant aspects of other small group members’ lives that are imitative or stir you up to imitate that action.
- **Mark 14:8** in the Message says “She did what she could when she could: she pre-anointed my body for burial.” There are some anointing and extravagance that have to be done *today* and cannot wait for later. What is the Lord calling you to that you have been putting off for days, months, even years?

Doing: Application

- P. Mike said that “disciples make extravagance their default setting.” Do at least one Kingdom act of extravagance. Discuss with your small group and hold each other accountable to this extravagant act and check in next week!