



A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of September 28, 2025

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

Mark 14:3-9 A Beautiful Thing

- What pleases God? How do you know?

³And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. ⁴There were some who said to themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment wasted like that?" ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. ⁹And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

- Describe the scene at the home of Simon the leper in your own words.
- The guests at this dinner see the actions of the woman. How do the guests perceive what she does? Why do they "trouble her"? (4-5)
- What strikes you about the way in which Jesus sees her gift? What exactly might he find "beautiful" about her actions? (6-9)
- What does Jesus mean when He says, "she had done what she could"? (8)
- What appears to be the heart-motivation of this woman?
- Jesus loves His people, and so, we are compelled by the love of Christ. What is one way Jesus compelling you to love these days, even when the love comes at a cost to you?
- Pray together in light of this week's passage.

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