

## **Study Guide**

### **Mark 14:1-25**

1. Share an experience you had when you could sense God giving you the ability to freely love someone. Share an experience when it was a struggle for you to love someone freely.
2. Read Mark 14:1-9. Discuss the difference between the chief priests and scribes and the unnamed woman. Discuss the dynamics of what she did:
  - a. Beautiful (v.6)
  - b. Valuable (v.7)
  - c. Timely (v.8)
  - d. Memorable (v.9)How was this a demonstration of open extravagant love?
3. Read Mark 14:10-11. What do you know about Judas? How did he demonstrate tightfisted self-regard?
4. Read Mark 14:12-16. What does this passage tell you about Jesus? What is the posture of the disciples? How does following Jesus lead to joy?
5. Read Mark 14:17-21. How does tightfisted self-regard lead to bondage and death?
6. Read Mark 14:22-25. What does the bread symbolize for us? What does the cup symbolize? What is the new covenant (Jer. 31:31)? How does the Lord's Supper help us make the transition from tightfisted self-regard to open extravagant love?

### **Application**

Pray for someone who may have hurt you. Ask the love of Jesus to help you to willingly open your hands in open extravagant love.

## Message Slides

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**Theme- Open Extravagant Love**

#### **The Setting (v.1-2)**

It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, <sup>2</sup>for they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people."

#### **I. Open Extravagant Love (v.3-9)**

<sup>3</sup>And 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. <sup>4</sup>There were some who said to themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment wasted like that? <sup>5</sup>For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they scolded her. <sup>6</sup>But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>7</sup>For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup>She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. <sup>9</sup>And 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."

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- 1. Beautiful**
- 2. Valuable**
- 3. Timely**
- 4. Memorable**

#### **II. Tightfisted Self-regard (v.10-11)**

<sup>10</sup>Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. <sup>11</sup>And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

#### **IV. Tightfisted Self-Regard leads to Death (v.17-21)**

<sup>17</sup>And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup>And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." <sup>19</sup>They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" <sup>20</sup>He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. <sup>21</sup>For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

**V. Communion (v.22-25)- Making the Transition**

<sup>22</sup>And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." <sup>23</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. <sup>24</sup>And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup>Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

1. Bread - Sacrifice & Sustenance
2. Wine- Forgiveness

**Today- Theme- Open Extravagant Love!**

New Covenant- (Jer. 31:31)

"Behold the days are coming...when I will make a **new covenant**...I will put my law within them, and I will **write it upon their hearts**; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people...and I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."