



**SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM**  
**FOR THE SERMON PREACHED: Nov 12, 2017**  
**"Pouring out your life for the Mission of Christ"**  
**PASSAGE: Mark 14:1-11**

1. Read Mark 14:1-11 and John 12:1-7 out loud as a group. In what ways did Mary show her love for Jesus? What was the cost financially and socially? Mary could have shown Jesus love in another way that would have been appropriate and less costly. Why were her actions not a waste? What things do you desire to do out of love for Jesus but calculating the cost and the risk are keeping you back (ie. showing hospitality, sharing Christ with your neighbours or family, speaking up at work, making time as a family, missions trip overseas, etc.)?
  
2. In 2 Samuel 24 David took a census of the people of Israel. God punishes David by sending a pestilence that wipes out 70,000 men. David is about to make a burnt offering to the Lord seeking forgiveness. A burnt offering was a sacrifice of general atonement—an acknowledgement of the sin nature and a request for renewed relationship with God. In verse 21-25, David needed to purchase a place to sacrifice and had an offer that every coupon saver, thrift store shopper and garage saler dreams of, yet he decides to pay full price. Why? In what ways has turning from your sin cost you? In what ways is your service for the Lord costing you? What ways does it need to cost you?
  
3. In Mark 14 the disciples are indignant towards Mary for what she has done. Ironically, how does Jesus describe what Mary has done? Who in your life is indignant towards you for your obedience to Christ? If popular opinion is railing against you (church leaders, family, friends) how can you be sure its for your obedience to Christ and not for sin? How will you stand firm when you face opposition like Mary did?

4. In Mark 14:6-8 we read of the urgency to what Mary needed to do for Jesus, rather than the poor that day. How are you serving in the church with the gifts God has given you? Are you convinced what you are doing matters, and is pleasing to Christ? How does verse 8 challenge you to use your gifts and encourage you if you are? If you are not serving in the church yet, what steps will you take to change that (and who will hold you accountable to those steps)?

5. The measure of our sacrifice will be determined by our level of worship. Take some time to read John 11:28-44. What do we know of Mary's experience and what Jesus had done for her? Spend some time considering your thankfulness to Christ (ie. what he has done in your life, His promises, his character, etc.). Make a list and spend time praying out loud, thanking God for these things. Be prepared to share some of your list with your small group. (It may be appropriate to close this time with worship as a group.)

f. BREAKOUT

In Mark 14:9 Jesus said that what Mary had done would be told in memory of her. She gave up a potential inheritance yet left a lasting legacy of faith and sacrifice to Christ. What are you doing to leave a legacy?

Memory Verse

2 Samuel 24:24b "I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God that cost me nothing."