

# CITYGROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



Spring 2019 • Week 9 • Mark 14:1-11

**#CityGroupsTally**

Week of March 17, 2019

## REMINDERS for leaders:

Here are a few reminders before you get going:

- Be intentionally praying and looking for someone to help multiply your group. Who are you/could be apprenticing???
- Easter is next month. Who can you be praying for to invite to church?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Did anyone memorize Hebrews 12:2 this past week? Encourage those who did to recite this verse!
2. Upcoming Parent Commissioning (our version of Baby Dedication) on Mother's Day Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. See the "Kids" tab of the church website to sign up if needed.
3. We have a group of college students giving up their spring break to minister in the city of New Orleans where City Church is involved with planting churches. Be praying for their ministry this week!
4. Baptisms are March 31<sup>st</sup>. If anyone is interested in being baptized or would like more information, talk to your City Group leader.

## BIG IDEA(s): ENDURANCE

PRAY: Ask the Lord to lead your group meeting, speak through the Scriptures and guiding conversations.

READ: **Mark 14:1-11**

HEAD

- 1) Read John 12:1-3, Luke 10:38-42, and John 11:17-27. These passages give us a little insight and background information about what we read in Mark 14. Who is the family/woman referred to in Mark 14? *Mary, the sibling of Martha and Lazarus from the town of Bethany.*
- 2) Based on what we have read about this family and their interactions with Jesus, why do you think Mary would worship/anoint Jesus with such precious and expensive oil (this oil was imported from India making it very costly...scholars estimating anywhere from several hundreds of dollars to thousands of dollars)? *Jesus has raised their brother from the dead; they clearly knew and acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah; Jesus had changed their lives*
- 3) What is the difference between her attitude and the attitudes of the priests and Judas in this passage? *refer to verses 1, 2, 4-5, 10-11*

#### HEART:

- 1) Name some ways that is Jesus worthy of our worship and our adoration? *Read Romans 11:30-3, 33-12:2 for guidance on ways that He is worthy.*
- 2) When listing all of the ways that Christ is worthy of our worship, how does this affect our hearts and minds when it comes to sacrificing things in our lives for Him?
- 3) In verse 7, Jesus is not discouraging helping the poor (as Scripture is full of commands to help the poor). Rather, He is saying that our love for God should trump our love for others (see Mark 12:30-31). Would you say that our Western, first world American Christian culture exemplifies this? Why or why not?

#### HANDS:

- 1) Worship isn't simply coming to church for an hour on Sunday or singing songs about God. What are ways we can daily worship our Lord?
- 2) What changes do we need to make in our individual lives to love God more than anything and worship Him sacrificially?