

SERMON NOTES



This week's sermon

**In Joyful Service**

**Mark 14:1-11**

1. We should assign the best of motives to people when they give their money in worship of God.

2. We should copy the example of Mary, extravagantly worshiping our Lord, not being concerned with the cost or who looks on.

## Digging Deeper into the Message

How would you define worship?

The old English root of the word worship is the condition of being worthy. What worth does God have?

Read Hebrews 10:19-25. What cost did Jesus pay so that we could draw near to Him?

How are our hearts described?

What are we encouraged to do?

What are some ways you can do these things?

Read Hebrews 13:12-16. How do you think that the location where Jesus suffered is significant?

What are we encouraged to do and why?

Read and reflect on 2 Corinthians 3:12-18. How is the veil removed?

How is the freedom described in the context of access to God?

What does this lead to?

Read Romans 12:1 and think about what your worship looks like. Are there things in your life to think more deeply about or change?

## Community Group

**Icebreaker:** Tell about the fanciest place you've ever been. Why were you there and what did you think about it?

### **Discussion Questions:**

- Read the sermon text, Mark 14:1-11 and as you do, put yourself in the story. What are your thoughts about the interactions of the people in this passage? What do you think you would have said to Jesus or the woman or the disciples? How is that relevant to your life now? What does this story show us about our hearts?
- Read the first MAP point. How does this point help us promote unity? Tell about a time you gave someone the benefit of the doubt and was glad you did (even if they didn't deserve it).
- Share about an experience you had going to a different place of worship. What was your reaction to some of the different ways you saw people worshiping in a service?
- Read the second point. How does extravagant worship look in day to day life? How do you have joy when this worship is costly? What are some ways that seeing this extravagant worship can help people in their relationship with or view of God?
- What else would you like to discuss from the sermon or your personal study?