













Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	15-02-2026	Mary's prophetic act
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> What was your best meal this week?	
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> What was one of the most memorable meals you've ever had? <input type="checkbox"/> Why is it often more about who's at the table than what's on the table? <input type="checkbox"/> Why do peaceful protestors use dramatic action or symbolism to make their point? What's a good example you've seen/ heard of?	
 Read	John 12:1-8	 Listen again ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks
 Study	<input type="checkbox"/> v.1 : What did the Jewish festival of Passover commemorate? How was Jesus using the symbolism of Passover? <input type="checkbox"/> v.2 : What did the cultural/ religious expectation of the time dictate Martha (& Mary) do at this meal? How did this contrast with Lazarus? How is religion sometimes misused to justify – and not challenge – gender iniquity? <input type="checkbox"/> v.3 : Though invisible/ silenced, what did Mary do? What this nard reserved for? Why wipe Jesus' <i>feet</i> ? Why use her <i>hair</i> ? What would this have done for the atmosphere in the room? How does what <u>we</u> do infuse our homes/ extended families/ friendships workplaces/ online spaces.. <input type="checkbox"/> v.4-6 : What did Judas <i>claim</i> was his objection? What was Judas's <i>real</i> motivation? How could he have sent 2+ years <i>with</i> Jesus and yet still not <i>get</i> Jesus? <input type="checkbox"/> v.7 : Place yourself in Mary's shoes: what might Jesus' reaction have done for her? How was Mary's act prophetic? Do you imagine she understood it's full significance? <input type="checkbox"/> v.8 : Was Jesus saying don't strive to alleviate poverty? Read Deuteronomy 15:11 : what does the <i>full</i> verse He was quoting from say? What was the point Jesus <i>was</i> making?	
 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> Read 2 Corinthians 2:15 : <input type="checkbox"/> How does <i>Jesus</i> minister to <u>us</u> ? <input type="checkbox"/> How do <i>we</i> minister to <i>Jesus</i> ? <input type="checkbox"/> How do <i>we</i> then minister to <u>others</u> ?	
 Reflect	<input type="checkbox"/> Which verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? <input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why?	
 Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Without using words, do something prophetic. Ask the Spirit of Christ to guide you.	

 Pray	Lord Jesus, I come before You to pour out my life as an offering, holding nothing back, just as Mary did at Bethany. I surrender my time, my talents, and my treasures at Your feet. Forgive me for holding onto what I should offer to You. Help me to love You extravagantly and to worship You, even when others do not understand. Make my life a fragrant offering to Your name, honouring You above all else. Amen.
 My questions:	

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