



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' feet? Why use her hair? 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 its 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 was making?		
 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> Read 2 Corinthians 2:15 : <input type="checkbox"/> How does Jesus minister to <u>us</u> ? <input type="checkbox"/> How do we minister to <u>Jesus</u> ? <input type="checkbox"/> How do we 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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