



Guide

5/12 - Mark 14:3-9 (Mary of Bethany)

LOVE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)

- *Internal*: How was your week...anything new?! How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- *External*: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement from us?

TRUTH

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?
2. Let's read our primary text. What is the significance of the place of Bethany in the Bible?
3. There are many Simon's in the Bible (Can you name some of them?). Who is Simon the Leper?
Were Jesus and the disciples dining with someone who had leprosy?
4. What do we know about this ointment? What is the significance about Mary's action towards Jesus?
5. Verses 6-7 seem to indicate that Jesus is more concerned about Himself than the poor. How should we receive this verse?
6. Jesus said, "She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial." Some of you have experienced the death of a loved one. Maybe you had precious moments with them before their passing. How does your experience bring this story to life in your heart and mind?
7. What is ironic about this story?
8. Any other thoughts you would like to share before we wrap up this text?

GREAT COMMISSION

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- Did you disciple your family well this week? Is it apparent to others that Jesus the reason for your hope in your daily activity?

CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group? [*apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy*]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives, putting to death sinful desires.