

# SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

## PERPLEXED

*Why This Waste? – Mark 14:3-9*

## Discussion Points

*March 7, 2021*

### Read/Reflect

1. Read Mark 14:1-9. Refer to the same story in Matthew 26 and in John 12 to compare details of the story. Why the differences, do you think? How do the differences change your reaction to the story?

### Explore

2. When have you done something extravagant? How did you justify it? How did it make you feel?
3. What did Jesus mean by defending the woman's action with claiming, "the poor you will always have with you?" See also Deuteronomy 15:11, a verse Jesus may well have been referring to.
4. When does it feel like devotion to God or worship is a waste of time? How do you handle it?
 

<input type="checkbox"/> I immediately quit	<input type="checkbox"/> I challenge my values
<input type="checkbox"/> I continue anyway	<input type="checkbox"/> I blame it on something else
<input type="checkbox"/> I try something more exciting	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
5. Are you aware of anyone who wasted their life for Jesus' sake?
6. What's it like for you to receive a compliment or to be honored?
 

<input type="checkbox"/> I probably don't deserve it	<input type="checkbox"/> I carry it with me for days
<input type="checkbox"/> I accept it with thanks	<input type="checkbox"/> I dismiss it with a joke
<input type="checkbox"/> I usually refuse it	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
7. How do you tend to judge things, by the value of beauty or the value of practicality? How can both be used in your life to be faithful to Jesus?

### Pray

- ✝ Offer encouragement and a compliment to someone else, and pray for them.
- ✝ Pray that the Holy Spirit would inspire you with ways to "waste" your life on him.

