

**CONNECTION:**

- This week we are looking at Jesus being anointed with oil, the devotion of the woman who gave it to him. Is there someone that comes to mind when you think of devotion?

**REFLECTION:**

- Where have you (or should have) depended on Jesus this past week?

**SCRIPTURE:**

- Mark 14:1-11

**CONVERSATIONS:**

- Jesus went to the home of Simon the leper and ate at his table.
  - Who are the “lepers” in your world? Are there any? Would you hang out with them?
- The hymn says ‘ They shall know we are Christians by our love.’
  - What are the biggest challenges or obstacles to loving your neighbors well?
  - How can we overcome or remove some of those challenges and obstacles?
- We don’t have to go very far in our city to see poverty and brokenness. Sometimes it seems overwhelming to think about how we as the Church can make any difference. If it was up to you, where would we start?
- The woman in the story performed an act of devotion that was costly. In her case there was a financial cost but she also took the risk of being rejected and even the disciples scorned her actions.
  - How often does the thought of being rejected or scorned deter us from being open about our love for Jesus?
  - Do your neighbours (co-workers, fellow students) know that you are a Christian? Why or why not?
- Think of a time when you have seen Jesus work through the most unlikely person/people. What did it look like? What were your thoughts at the time?



**PRACTICE:**

- The **Bible in One Year** with Nicky Gumbel (Alpha) –have you considered joining the church in doing this? It's not too late to jump and catch up!

**PRAYER:**

- PRAY that our devotion to Jesus would be evident in our actions and our interactions with others.
- PRAY that we would be known by our love for each other and for those around us.
- PRAY for more opportunities to be a light in our CITY.
- PRAY for those in our RIDGE ESSENTIALS classes.