

A APPLY

The goal of reading the Bible is transformation. We want to let the Word of God grow deep in us so that we can bear much fruit.

1. How can our plans or priorities become counter to Jesus' plans and priorities?
2. What is something in your life that is at risk to being changed by Jesus?
3. What would it look like in your life to make a lavish display of devotion to Jesus?

REACH

Take time this week to write out your own story of life change in Jesus Christ. We recommend you do so by focusing on three parts:

- 1) **Your life before Christ** - (just enough to show your need for Christ)
- 2) **How you came to Christ** - (understanding the gospel and trusting in Jesus)
- 3) **Your life after Christ** - (the difference He has made and is making)

Share with your group and share with Pastor Derick: dzeulner@southshores.org

PRAYER

Close by praying about this passage, thanking God about what was learned and seeking His transformation of our lives.

Get in on the Plan

Matthew 26:1-16

Jesus' death and resurrection will provide the ultimate _____, allowing anyone who repents to be rescued from the ultimate enemy: sin.

Mary recognized Jesus as the treasure that He is... which was God's plan to _____ the world.

Just because we have close proximity to Jesus does not mean we are _____ to His plan.

I never knew:

I need to change:

I should share:



GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

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GETTING STARTED

1. What is the best thing you have ever planned? What details were difficult to figure out?

2. Tell about a time when you had to deal with a competing agenda. What was your role and why were the plans at odds? What was the result?

FOR GROWTH GROUP TIME

SOMA

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SOAK

Read **Matthew 26:1-16** three times asking the Holy Spirit to open it to you. Our goal is to soak in the Spirit, the scripture, and its surroundings.

1. How does this passage fit with the previous chapters? How has the style of writing changed?

2. What events are we nearing in the Gospel of Matthew?



OBSERVE

Once we've soaked in the passage, we want to make sure we are able to see all that is really there; not interpreting, but taking note of what is present.

1. What are some of the key words or ideas that stick out to you?

2. There are four distinct scenes in this passage. Summarize each scene in a sentence.

1 (1-2)

2 (3-5)

3 (6-13)

4 (14-16)

3. Who are the main characters and what do we learn about them?

4. Do you have any questions from this passage?



MEANING

Now that we're familiar with the passage, we want to get at its meaning. This isn't about what it means to me, but what the author was intending to say.

1. What do you think is the common thread between these four scenes?

2. What is the significance of the woman's actions? **See also: John 12:1-8**

3. What does this passage teach us about Jesus' agenda? What does it teach us about the agendas or priorities of others?