

## **The Beautiful Gift**

Read Mark 14:1-11

On Sunday Martin asked the question 'Who do you think *you* might be in the story?

- The woman with the perfume (longing to worship and be close to Jesus),
- The men judging and condemning the woman's act (prone to judging those around you)
- Judas (focused on your own agenda and priorities)

Now can you think of yourself as a *witness* to this event? Perhaps you are one of the women with the lady, another guest at the table or even a servant or child.

Have someone read the story aloud again, while others listen. Close your eyes if that is helpful. What do you see, experience and feel? What is your reaction to what you have witnessed?

Is there another time in your life when you have given or witnessed someone giving a 'beautiful gift'?

Is there a 'beautiful gift' you might be called to give, now or in the future?

*Father God, fill us with longing to love you. Let us play our part in your great story. We ask that you would free those who struggle with judgementalism and heal the roots of bitterness. May we hand over our own agendas and see the Beautiful Gift we can offer freely to you.*