

# THE COMMONS LEADER GUIDE

## SERMON RECAP

March 24th  
**Tough Topics - Moral Gray Areas**

### **EVENTS**

Prayer Night - March 25th  
Commons Late Night - March 26th

### **MAIN SCRIPTURE**

Romans 14

### **BOTTOM LINE**

Maximize your freedom for God's glory and other's good.

### QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. The sermon defined "gray areas" as issues the Bible does not explicitly command or forbid. What are some gray areas you personally wrestle with, and why do they feel difficult to navigate?
3. The sermon warned against the assumption that there is one right answer for everyone in gray areas. Why is that assumption so tempting and what problems can it create in the church?
4. Have you ever felt judged by another Christian over a gray area?
5. Is there an area of your life where you feel "free," but deep down you're not fully at peace about it? What might that be revealing?
6. If someone younger in their faith copied your life exactly, are there any areas you'd feel concerned about? Why?

# JESUS ANOINTED WITH OIL

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26:1-19

### RESOURCES TO STUDY

[Overview of Anointing in the Bible](#) - Bible project

[What is the significance of Jesus being anointed with Oil](#) - [GotQuestions.org](#)

### Questions to Process- (for the leader)

1. What is the significance of anointing in the Bible? (i.e. Kings, priests, burials)
2. Why is the timing of this story important? How does that timing shape the meaning of the woman's actions?
3. Research the comparable value in today's money of the woman's jar of oil.
4. Why does Jesus interpret this act as preparation for His burial (v. 12)? What does that reveal about His awareness of what's coming?
5. Why are the disciples so critical of this act? What does their reaction reveal about their priorities or understanding?

### Discussion Questions - (ask to the group)

1. How does this story challenge the way we think about what is "wasteful" versus what is "worth it" when it comes to Jesus?
2. Why do you think radical devotion to Jesus is often misunderstood or criticized?
3. What does this story reveal about the difference between outward religious logic ("this could have helped the poor") and genuine worship?
4. Jesus says, "She has done a beautiful thing to me." What do you think makes something "beautiful" in the eyes of God?
5. What would it look like for you to pour something out at the feet of Jesus this season; something valuable, costly, or deeply personal?