



## **Westminster Presbyterian Church**

### **Digging Deeper Questions Week 5**

March 18, 2018

Scripture: Psalm 119: 10-16 & Mark 14:3-9

**Week 5:** Reflecting on both the WPC Sermon from March 18 and “Week 5” of N.T. Wright’s *Lent for Everyone: Mark, Year B*

#### **Open in Prayer**

**Fellowship Question:** If you had a year’s wages to blow on friends, which would you choose: (a) big party for all, (b) glorious trip for a few, or (c) extravagant gift for one?

#### **Study Questions for the Sermon and Text:**

1. What’s the most extravagant gift you have ever received?
2. In your mind, how does extravagant hospitality look? When was a time in your life where you were shown it? Where were you? Who showed it to you?
3. Read Mark 14:3-9
  - a) What does the woman’s act teach us about her relationship with Jesus (note: See John 12:1-8 for another perspective)?
  - b) Some who were at Simon the Leper’s house thought the woman’s actions were wasteful. Was their response irrational? Try to place yourself in their shoes, how would you have responded?
  - c) What, if anything, does this gift teach us about how we give gifts today?
  - d) Reflect on Jesus’ response in Mark 14:6-9. What does it teach us about how Jesus viewed the poor? What does his response tell us about his relationship with this woman?
  - e) In verse 9 Jesus tells the woman that “wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.” How are her actions reflected in the proclamation of the good news [i.e. “The Gospel”] today?
4. Read Mark 14:10-11
  - a) What do you think motivated Judas to go to the chief priests?
  - b) Both Judas and the woman play critical roles in Jesus’ last days. How, if at all, are their roles similar? How are they different?

#### **Prayer:**

- Prayers for all our church families especially those with loss
- Pray for all families dealing with the flu, cancer or any sickness
- Pray for healing
- Pray for hope

#### **Leader notes:**

- Maundy Thursday Dinner; March 29 at 6pm
- Maundy Thursday Service will begin at 7:30pm
- Good Friday; Prayer Garden open for reflection - Journey to the Cross; noon – 7:30pm
- Good Friday Service will begin at 7:30pm