



WEEK TWO

Come and Get It

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This three-part series will assist us in sharpening our skills as God's hosts and hostesses for the people in our community. We will creatively use a dinner

table to help us understand how we can effectively invite friends, neighbors, and family to the best, most fulfilling meal they will ever taste...Jesus Himself!

MESSAGE NOTES

Mark 14:3-9

PERSONAL STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What restaurant are you willing to stand in line for?

What is it about this restaurant that has made it so popular, in your opinion?

2. Take a look at the key passage from this week's message, Mark 14:3-9. Pastor Harry said there were three kinds of people around the dinner table in this scene. Describe these three kinds of people.

Which kind of person are you or have you been?

3. What truth do you think Jesus was trying to get across most to those at the table when he spoke verses 6 through 9?

4. What does it mean to you break open what is precious to you and pour it out in worship to Christ?

What do you think holds you back more than anything else from fully worshipping and serving Christ?

5. Pastor and writer Ed Young said that the ultimate meal demands the ultimate preparation. What did he mean by this?

What kind of preparation do we need to make to invite people to feast on God's goodness?

6. One blogger wrote that there are several points of resemblance between what this woman did in Mark 14 and what Jesus did on the cross. Look at the passage again and write down what the woman did and the context in which she did it.

What was the likelihood that what she did would be misunderstood?

What prompted her to do it anyway?

What did it cost her?

7. What do you think makes an offering to God meaningful?

What does the word "sacrifice" mean to you?

What kind of sacrifices do you see our current culture making? What are most largely sacrificing to or for?

8. Would you have done what this woman did, if the larger circumstances were the same?

Personal Meditation: It can be tempting to make a religion out of responding to social needs, of which giving to the poor is a prime and good example. While meeting physical needs is important and good, it is not the most needful thing we must do. We must worship and love Christ more than anything else we do. This week consider how you can break open whatever you value most and pour it out in worship. How will this prepare you to do the next needful thing?

Memorize 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 — "For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again." (NIV)