**Series: Starting Line March 17, 2024
Message: The Final Preparations**

Mark 14

Bethany: A Reckless Act of Worship...

* effects everyone.
* will be met with criticism.
* will never be forgotten.

Upper Room: Preparing the disciples (you & me) for:

* Betrayal
* Failure
* Forgiveness
* Power

The Garden: Final Decisions.

* A brutally honest prayer.
* Acknowledgement of the Father.
* Determination to do what Jesus came to do.

***My response: In light of what I have learned today, what do I need to do to obey God?***

**Life Group Questions**

**Digging Deeper: Mark 14.**

Read Mark 14:1-11.

What light, if any, does this incident shed on the competing claims for beauty in worship and concern for the poor? Do we place the act of worship in the same place of honor and importance as Jesus? Or are we similar to the disciples.

Read Mark 14:12-21

*During the Passover feast Jesus tells the Twelve that one of them will betray him.* What do you think they were feeling as they responded to his announcement? Did Judas have a choice?

Read Mark 14:22-24.

What are the bread and cup of the Lord’s Supper to symbolize for us?

*What was hinted at in Passover is fully revealed in Communion – Jesus Christ is the lamb who died for our sins. His sacrifice made it possible for Christians to experience a whole host of spiritual “benefits.”*

Read the following verses and write down the spiritual benefit each one points to:

Ephesians 1:7 –

Ephesians 2:18 –

Colossians 1:13-14 –

Romans 5:1 –

Which one is the most encouraging to you? Which one might you overlook? Why?