

Holy Week 2012 – Sabbath: the culture of generosity

April 4 – Wednesday, 7:00 At Bethany (anointing of Christ)

Mark 14:1-11 Martha, Eric, Greg, Leann

Need: Tech (Eric), Content slides(highlighted in plan), Song slides, “Tent”, water pitchers, rose water, basin, towels, table, table covering, dum, guitar

5:45-6:00: Setup- All of Us

Eric and I will build the Bethany Tent Tuesday night. Setup on Wednesday will be powerpoint, lighting, and interior of tent, chairs

6:00-6:40- Practice

We will run through songs, flow of night

6:55-7:10 Playlist Greg provides is playing, people enter and get settled. Visual on Screen provided by Leann

7:10-7:17 Welcome - Martha

- Reintroduce Theme - [Titus 3:5-8](#)

Welcome to our 3rd vigil of holy week! I'm glad you are here. Let's read our lent theme scripture again together. We need redemption and renewal everyday and we are paying special attention this week to how the spirit is being poured out for us in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Jesus wants to connect with us, and suffers for and with us. Recognizing our need of him, and believing he dies and rises for us, frees us up to lay down our burdens and be new. When we receive that spirit being poured out for us, it is natural to then pour it out for others; it is a natural outcome.

Recap previous evening- Joshua and Tiffany **The End of the Age** Mark 13:1-37

Monday we were with Jesus as he cleared out the moneychangers, and taught in the temple, and last night we drew close to him as we heard him tell his close friends about the end of the age.

- Introduce tonight's vigil:

Tonight we follow Jesus to Bethany where he is anointed among his friends. Tonight is all about pouring:

- We need to receive Jesus' pouring out his love and hope for restoration for us tonight. Unconditional love, the promise that we are eternal beings, healing, grace, redemption and his body the church are all poured into us by Jesus. We see him tonight defending and teaching his friends with care, and that same care and love is available to us right now.

- As He is anointed for death to defeat sin, by the pouring out of the oil, we will let him anoint our sin for death to receive new life.

- When Jesus pours out his redemptive love into us, it is our first task to receive

and then that love is poured out of us. When we give out of our best we honor Christ and change the world.

We are asking you first to do a lot of listening tonight. We will have time to respond to Jesus with some songs, and going into our little version of Bethany over there. Leann, Greg and Eric will lead us through these different connections with Jesus. Let's pray and set the sacred space with a song, and then Leann will tell us about Bethany.

Lord, help us to recognize and receive the love you are pouring out for us tonight. As we prepare for your death and resurrection, prepare us to rise to new life with you. It is hard to let go of our sin and we need your help. Thank you for giving us a community to hope with for restoration. Amen.
Let's stand and worship.

7:17-7:20 Song - Greg leads us to worship

7:20-7:27 Scripture - Mark 14:1-11 Leann reads, provides some background

- Leann sets the scene, brings out key elements like oil was expensive, etc. Asks everyone to consider the love and hope for restoration Jesus has poured into them this season.

7:27-7:40 Great Divorce reading - Greg

- Reading of passage- [visual-from Leann, and keep it up until worship](#)
- Recap- Greg expounds on our need to let Jesus pour out his grace and love on us and receive it so that sin can be defeated by death and we can have new life and pour it out for others, in the context of the great divorce.

7:40-7:55 Relate-Eric

Setup/explain rose water - Eric will connect our "Pouring" theme and provide people a space and opportunity to be "poured into" by Jesus so they can pour out. Receiving warm, fragrant water on their hands could represent the anointing of their sin for death to make way for new life in Christ

- 4-6 people at a time will enter the tent, circle the bowl with palms over it
- Martha/Leann will slowly pour warm rose water over the hands.
- Worship throughout relating time - Greg leads 4 or 5 mellow songs, for meditation or for singing along. [SONGS on Powerpoint](#)

7:55-8:00 Closing - Martha

Going with Jesus to Bethany is all about pouring. We considered how we are receiving Christ's love and hope for restoration. Jesus was anointed for death, and we prepared our own sin to be taken to the cross. May that which Jesus has poured into you be poured out through you.

Let's Pray

God of love, be with us this week as we follow Jesus. Help us to recognize our true selves in Christ and pour out all we have been given. Help us die to sin and rise restored along with Jesus.

As you are leaving,

Bless one another by saying something like: May you receive the redemption Jesus is pouring out for you.