

OFTEN TIMES GOD'S **GREATEST BLESSINGS** ARE BIRTHED FROM OUR **DEEPEST BROKENNESS.**

While [Jesus] was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head. Mark 14:3 NIV

HER GIFT REPRESENTED HER PAST.

HER GIFT REPRESENTED HER FUTURE.

As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take it, for this is my body." And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. And he said to them, "This is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice for many. Mark 14:22-24 NLT

And [Jesus] took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me. Luke 22:19 NIV

WHAT IF "DO THIS" WASN'T JUST ABOUT A SINGLE ACTION BUT A **WAY OF LIVING?**

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them." John 6:56 NIV

WE MIGHT **IMPRESS PEOPLE WITH OUR STRENGTHS** BUT WE WILL ALWAYS **CONNECT WITH PEOPLE THROUGH OUR BROKENNESS.**

THE GOSPEL'S INVITATION IS AN INVITATION TO **COME AND DIE.**

START TALKING. Find a conversation starter.

- Name the most expensive thing you've ever broken. How'd you break it?
- What's something you hate to see get poured out or wasted?

STARTING THINKING: Get your group thinking.

- What point do you think Mark was trying to make by putting the story of the woman with the alabaster jar and the Passover next to each other?
- Imagine you were in the room when this woman broke the \$20K jar. How would you respond?
- Read Luke 22:19. He said, "Do *THIS* in remembrance of me". What does "THIS" represent to followers of Jesus? To you?

START SHARING Create openness.

- Have you ever experienced the type of brokenness Pastor Spencer talked about? What's your story?
- Are you trying to stay strong in an area of weakness or hold on to something you need to pour out? What's keeping you from giving it to God?
- Describe what a broken, poured out life could look like.
- How has God used broken areas from your past to help others?

START PRAYING. Be bold and pray specifically.

Jesus, You've told us to keep doing what You did. You were broken and poured out to bring people closer to God. Will You embolden us to really start living this way? Amen.

START DIGGING. Read Scripture about brokenness.

Psalm 51:17

2 Corinthians 4:7-12

Isaiah 53:4-5

Romans 12:1

START DOING. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- You have something to pour out. Empty every last drop for God this week.
- Start each day by asking God to give you opportunities to rely on His strength alone.