

# Welcome to Church!

We are glad you chose to join us today to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We hope that your stay will be both meaningful and memorable.

We are a church that seeks to bring glory to God, to build the local church through discipleship and to fulfill the Great Commission.

Here are some activities going on with us!

## **Newcomers Orientation**

Are you new to our church or interested in learning more about who we are and what we do? Join us for our Newcomer's Orientation on **April 18, 2026 at 7PM.**

Come and hear about our mission, ministries, and ways you can get connected. Whether you're just visiting or considering making this your church home, we'd love to get to know you! Refreshments will be provided.

## How can we **pray** for you?

Inviting you to join our **Prayer Meeting, Tuesdays at 7PM.** You may **send your prayer requests** and **praise reports** by text (0912 130 6148), by writing them on the prayer cards provided, or by sending us a private message on our Facebook page.

## Discover life with our **Small Groups.**

Looking for **deeper connections** and a **closer walk with God**? Our small groups are where we cultivate meaningful relationships and grow in faith together. Want to join? Visit our Information Booth after the service to find the perfect group for you!

## Stay for **fellowship** and **refreshments.**

Stick around after the service for **coffee** and **connection!** It's the perfect chance to meet some friendly faces, learn more about our small groups, our ministries, and discover all that our church has to offer. We'd love to see you there!

## Free **Blood Pressure** and **Sugar Check-up.**

Encouraging those who wish to monitor their Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar levels to **avail of our free check-up,** happening **every after Sunday service!**

## **Ways to give tithes and love gifts.**

BPI Checking	<b>0421-0041-16</b>
Paypal	<b>@livingwordnra</b>
GCash Account	<b>0912-130-6148</b>


### **Sunday Services**


**English** 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM  
**Cebuano** 4:00 PM


### **2nd Floor,**

**Northgate Center.**  
across Gaisano Country Mall  
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*Worship God. Advance His Kingdom.*

## **BROKEN & BEAUTIFUL**

The Passion Narrative: From Betrayal to the Cross

Mark 14:1-9  
Ptr. Nic Sy

April 12, 2026

### **SERMON NOTES**

#### **I. WHAT YOU HOARD, YOU HOLD** **(The jar speaks about your treasure)**

*What we protect reveals what we treasure.*

**Reflect:** What are you carrying? And who are you carrying it for?

*What you refuse to break reveals what you've decided to worship.*

#### **II. NO FRAGRANCE WITHOUT THE FRACTURE** **(The jar speaks about your surrender)**

*The act of breaking was the act of total surrender. The container had to cease to be a container in order to fulfill its purpose.*

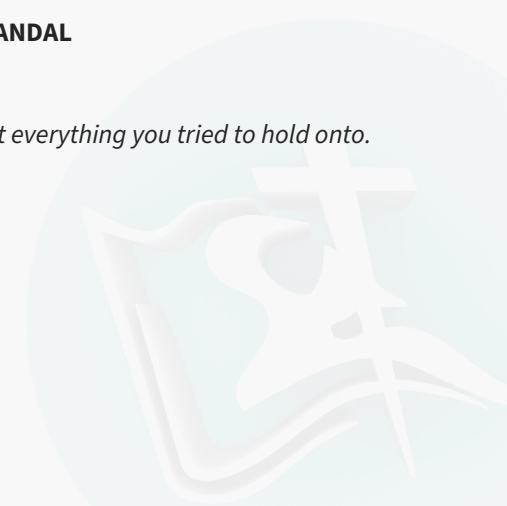
*God is not looking for well-preserved containers. He is looking for broken ones.*

**Reflect:** What is the thing you've been carrying to the table that you haven't yet been willing to break open and pour out?

#### **III. THE SMELL THAT OUTLASTED THE SCANDAL** **(The jar speaks about your legacy)**

*The things you pour out for Jesus will outlast everything you tried to hold onto.*

**Reflect:** What does your life smell like?



# “BROKEN & BEAUTIFUL”

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of April 13-19, 2026

## GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

What is the most expensive thing you have ever accidentally broken? What happened and how did you feel about it?

## GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Mark 14:1-9

1. Mark 14:1-2 shows the religious leaders plotting to kill Jesus, while verses 3-9 show a woman honoring him. What contrasts do you notice between these two groups? What does this reveal about how different people respond to Jesus? Why do you think Mark places these two scenes side by side? How does this contrast shape the way we interpret this woman's actions?

2. The woman's jar of pure nard was worth roughly a year's wages. Read Luke 21:1-4, the story of the widow and her two small coins. What do these two women have in common, even though their circumstances are different? What principle about generosity and worship emerges when you put both stories side by side? Is there a difference between giving out of abundance and giving out of surrender, and does it matter to God?

3. The crowd's criticism sounds reasonable on the surface: sell the perfume, feed the poor. How do these passages help us think through the tension between generosity toward people and extravagant devotion to God? Is there a right and wrong way to resolve that tension, or does Jesus' response in verse 7 suggest something more distinct? Where do you personally feel that tension most?

4. Jesus says in verse 8 that she “*did what she could.*” He does not say she did what was expected, or what was strategic, or what was most efficient, just what she could. What does it look like in ordinary life to simply do what you can as an act of worship? Have you ever talked yourself out of an act of generosity or devotion because it didn't feel significant enough?

5. Jesus declares her act “*a beautiful thing.*” Not a wasteful thing, not even just a good thing, but beautiful. What does it mean that beauty matters to God, not just usefulness or efficiency? In a world that tends to measure everything by its practical output, what would it look like for your personal worship (e.g. your giving, your prayer, your service, etc.) to be described by God as beautiful rather than merely productive?

6. In verse 9, Jesus says her act will be remembered wherever the gospel is preached. Why do you think this moment became so significant? How does this challenge our usual ideas of success or legacy? What kinds of things do people often chase that don't last? What does it mean to invest your life in something eternal?

## NEXT STEPS

*The moments you seize for Jesus become the memories that outlive you.*

- **Break It.** I will surrender what I've been holding back from Jesus.
- **Pour It.** I will intentionally give my time, resources, or attention to Jesus in a costly, meaningful way.
- **Live It.** I will obey God in the moment instead of delaying obedience.

## CLOSING THE SESSION

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for a heart that sees the moment, surrenders fully, and pours out everything for Jesus without hesitation.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

## BIBLE READING GUIDE

April 13	<b>Mark 14:1-9</b>
April 14	<b>Matthew 6:19-24</b>
April 15	<b>Matthew 13:44-50</b>
April 16	<b>Psalms 22:14-19</b>
April 17	<b>2 Corinthians 2:14-17</b>
April 18	<b>Psalms 99:1-9</b>
April 19	<b>Psalms 55:12-14</b>