



# TOGETHER CHURCH

**GUARDRAILS  
THAT HELP US  
STAY THE COURSE AS A  
DISCIPLE-MAKING CHURCH**

## **Week 2: March 14 - 20**

**Welcome/ Introduce Guests/ Share Life (10 minutes)**  
**Recall the Guidelines/ Open in Prayer**

**Pray for people who need to know Jesus or get connected to a church family (see the IMPACT Month Prayer Guide). (5-6 minutes)**

**Hook Question (5 minutes):** Why is it hard to let go of certain things? Ex. children, precious possession, expectations etc.

**Ask someone to read the background for the story (2 minutes):**

Passover is a Jewish holiday that celebrates God delivering Israel from Egyptian rule. The Israelites had been in Egypt for 400 years. During this time, they were treated very poorly and enslaved. The Israelites cried out to God for deliverance, and He heard them. The night before Pharaoh finally released them, the Angel of Death passed over all of Egypt. Any household that did not have the blood of a lamb on its doorpost lost their firstborn son. This led Pharaoh to release the Israelites to go to the Promised Land (Israel).

Jesus came to bring a new deliverance. He came to change lives by delivering people from their sin. He came to give abundant life. A few days before Passover, Jesus was with His disciples. He was up to His usual business of teaching anyone who wanted to hear and loving the outcasts. More and more people began to believe that He was their promised Messiah who would deliver them from Roman rule. However, there were a few who began to understand He came to deliver them from their sins.

Jesus and His disciples found themselves at Simon the leper's home. In the house was a woman who truly understood Jesus' identity: promised Messiah who would take away the sins of the whole world. She would do something that seemed outrageous to the disciples, but to Jesus it was a great act of love. This is where our story begins...

**Tell the story from Matthew 26:6-13 (12 Minutes per section):** Change the storyteller often.

**Rebuild the Story:** Group members retell the story as well as possible.

**Read the story from Matthew 26:6-13:** Ask the group to read these verses.

**Discussion Questions:** Learn to talk about God's word with others. **(Take as much time as needed.)**

- What do you like or dislike about this story?
- What does this story teach you about yourself or people in general?
- What does this story teach you about God?
- Who can you relate to in this story? **OR** How can you relate to the people in the story? (Simon the leper, the woman, Jesus, the disciples)
- How do you need to apply this story to your life?

***Ask for a volunteer storyteller for next week. Close in Prayer.***