

Growth Group Lesson

March 18-19

Jesus in the Garden - Mark 14:32-42

Spend some time praying with your group. Ask God for help understanding his word and applying it to your life.

Get to know one another:

1. When was a time that you had to give up something you didn't want to?

Read Mark 14:32-42

Following Jesus' last Passover with his disciples, he goes to a garden to pray. He has revealed several times to his disciples that he must be handed over to the authorities and killed, and now the time is approaching.

2. Why is it significant that Jesus goes to a garden to pray? **Genesis 2:4-9, 3:1-7**
 - a. Jesus is facing the same test as Adam and Eve. What is the test? **Genesis 3:1-7**
 - b. How is the outcome of this test different for Adam and for Jesus? **Matthew 4:1-11, Romans 5:12-17**
 - c. How difficult do you think this test was for Jesus? Is this something that Jesus wanted to do? **Luke 22:39-44, Matthew 26:36-38, Hebrews 12:2, John 10:14-18**
3. What does this scene in the garden reveal to you about the Father and Jesus' heart for his people?
 - a. Is this something that you believe is true about you? Why or why not?
 - b. How does knowing this affect how you face sin, trials, and tests in your life?

Jesus, following the will of his Father, gives us the most perfect picture of submission.

4. How does our culture and world view the word "submission"?
 - a. Do you see the word "submission" as positive or negative?
 - b. How does Jesus in the garden give you a clearer view of what submission is?
5. What is it that Jesus is wrestling with? What is the cup that he asks to be taken from him? **Isaiah 53, Romans 3:23-25, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Hebrews 2:14-18**
6. Is submission easy for you to practice in your own life? What has that looked like recently?
7. Are there any tests in your life that you are facing right now?
 - a. How has that been going?
 - b. Is there anything in your life right now that you need to submit to God? What will that look like for you?

When Jesus went to the garden, he brought his three closest friends with him.

8. Why does Jesus want his friends with him?
9. How does this reveal our need for friendship? When do we need friends to be near us?

10. Do you have people like this in your own life? (Hopefully a little different than the next scene of betrayal, of course)
 - a. If not, where could you find people like this?
11. When you have faced tests and trials in your life, how have friends been able to support you?
 - a. If you are experiencing difficult things in life now, how can your group assist and support you?

Spend some time praying.

- Pray for God to lead you into the Easter season, helping you to know and love him more.
- Pray for your group members who are going through tests and trials.
- Pray for the opportunity to bring people who are not believers to Easter services.