



THE STORY

A chronological journey
through the Bible

Sermon Series

Journey Group Lesson “The Hour of Darkness” – July 14, 2013

Getting Started

Tell about a time you experienced relational, emotional, or spiritual darkness and how the light of God was still shining.

Digging Deeper

Read John 13:1-17

Describe the act of service Jesus offered his disciples (including Judas) and how they responded.

How does our willingness to serve reveal Jesus’ presence in our life and in the world? What is one unexpected act of service you can offer in the coming week?

Read John 14:6

How do some people (even Christians) push back on this exclusive claim of Jesus? Why is it important for us to embrace this clear teaching of the Savior?

Read Matthew 26:36-46

What do you learn about the love and power of God, contrasted with the weakness and need of people, as you read this account?

Bringing It Home

When Peter denied Jesus, how do you think Jesus felt? What are some ways we deny Jesus and act like we don’t know him?

One of the briefest, most powerful statements in all The Story is when Jesus said, “It is finished.” From a Lower Story perspective, what must people have thought when Jesus spoke these words? From an Upper Story spiritual reality, what was Jesus declaring and what does this mean for us?

What can we do on a daily basis to walk in an intimate and living friendship with God?

Thank Jesus for loving you so much that he would experience utter darkness as your sins and judgment became his. Praise God for sending his Holy Spirit to be with us and in us.