

Lesson Notes: Mark 14:27-42

Introductory Questions

1. Why do you think Jesus seemed to hit a wall emotionally and physically when they got to Gethsemane?
2. What do you think Jesus had in mind for the disciples when He said, "Stay here and keep watch" in verse 34?
3. Tell your group something about which you've prayed Jesus' prayer: "Take this cup from Me. Yet not what I will, but what You will."
4. Tell us your experience with Jesus' wisdom in verse 38: "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."
5. Bonus: review summaries of each chapter. See the end of this sheet!

Summary Sentence: Jesus predicts Peter's denial; prays, suffers in Gethsemane, disciples sleep.

Loyalty and Love: Jesus Predicts Peter's (& Disciples') Denial

Jesus understands this event and the men as fact, but filters it with the knowledge of what they will become.

Jesus continues to train and give them hope for the future (Jeremiah 29:11)

Gethsemane

Jesus hits an emotional and physical wall, but there was more! A spiritual void, an absence, a condemnation. Jesus' "hour"

"My soul is overwhelmed"

"to the point of death"

The three-fold prayer: intimacy; affirmation; request; submission

The Cup

Jesus still counts on Simon Peter; uses "Simon" rather than "Peter;" soul-level sorrow

"Watch and pray" vs "fall into temptation" (and sleepiness when we should be praying, alert)

Understanding the Message: who was Jesus?

From Loyalty and Love:

Do you overestimate your love for Jesus? How can you approach loyalty in a more humble manner?

From Gethsemane:

Will you also choose to obey God even when you feel like you are dying?

Will you choose to submit to God as Jesus did, even when You do not think you can survive it?

In what areas are you most vulnerable to failure if you are not in prayer? Re-read verse 38 with this question.

Are you in Gethsemane, personally? Are you drinking a cup of agony? Jesus knows how you feel, and encourages you through His example to love into the suffering. Will you choose to suffer as He did? What will that mean for you?

Ask your group if anyone is in a personal Gethsemane time. Spend some time in prayer for that person.

Chapter summaries:

Mark 1 J the B, tempted, first disciples, healing

2 Paralytic, Levi, Lord of the Sabbath

3 Marble hearts, the 12, house divided

4 Parables and calms the storm

5 Gerasenes man, Jairus' daughter (Talitha koum!), bleeding woman

6 Home town, 12 go out, J the B beheaded, 5K, walk on water

7 What is clean?, Syrophenician woman, Ephphatha!

8 4K, look like trees, Who do you say I am?

9 Transfiguration, boy with the evil spirit delivered, greatest, millstone

10 No longer 2 but 1, little child, rich young ruler, greatest, Bartimaeus

11 Triumphant entry, clear the temple, fig tree

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