

# FULL COURT PRESS

## Mark 14:32-42

*“My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,” he said to them. “Stay here and keep watch.” - Mark 14:34*

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**As your group time begins use one or more of the following questions to tip off the discussion:**

*Thinking of your favorite sports teams, what was one of the greatest or worst turnovers you’ve witnessed in a ball game?*

*When have you gotten a “turnover” in life that was a real game changer for you or your family?*

*When have you committed a “turnover” that caused you trouble and cost you something?*

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As Christians we are living in a time where a full court press is needed. We need a game changing moment in which the course of our lives and the history of our nation is set in accordance with the Lord’s Word. The game is on the line for us and we are in a culture of decline. The world is pressing in on us from all directions. What will you do to turn things around?

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Jesus responded to the pressure with a full court press of his own. A full court press first starts with **A RECOGNITION OF WHAT’S GOING ON IN THE GAME. Read Mark 14:32-34 as a team.**

What did Jesus recognize was happening in his life and ministry at this point in scripture?

What did Jesus choose to do in the face of what was coming? Would you make the same call? Why or why not?

What situations are you aware of in the world right now as a Christian? How can we be prepared to respond in a proactive way instead of a reactive way to those issues?

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A full court press also starts with **LOOKING TO THE COACH FOR DIRECTION. Read Mark 14:35-36 as a team.**

How did Jesus look to His Coach? What was he asking for?

What is God doing in your life right now to Coach, or “carry you through” in life? Where do you NEED Him to carry you through?

What does Jesus say in Matthew 7:24-27 will happen if we don't take his coaching advice?

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Finally, a full court press involves **BEING IN SHAPE TO CARRY OUT THE GAME PLAN. Read Mark 14:37-42 as a team.**

What is God's game plan? How can we get in shape to be a part of the plan?

Read **Philippians 2:12-18**. What does Paul say will happen when we work hard to show the results of our salvation, allowing God to work through us?

**2 Timothy 4:5** says, "You should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you." (NLT) Discuss the following:

What ministry has God given you?

How can you use that ministry/gift to help in the work of telling others the Good News?

How will having a clear mind in all situations help you carry out God's game plan?

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**Pray:**

As you close your time together pray that God would give each of you an urgency in the present day and age to carry out the Great Commission - making disciples of all nations and teaching those who follow to obey. Pray for a clear understanding of what God's game plan is for you personally and how you can get in shape to carry out that plan. Ask God to surround you and our church with with right team of people to do the work He has called us to do.

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**Connect:**

Listen to the song "Trading my Sorrows" by Read 2 Corinthians 4 in your devotion time this week. Let the words of Paul encourage you - that even though we may be pressed by this world, we are not crushed! May we speak, as the Psalmist, simply because we believe!