

## Calvary church- small group discussion guide: Matthew 26:36-46

1. In the sermon, the spiritual and physical pain that Jesus endured was emphasized. Scriptures that were mentioned included **2 Corinthians 5:21**, and **1 Peter 3:18a**. In your group, discuss the outcome of the suffering that Jesus endured on the cross. From these two verses, what can we learn about what Jesus accomplished *through His suffering*? Why is this significant to you?
2. **Jesus' prayer, "Not my will, but yours,"** Is a powerful example of submission to God's will. What are some of the reasons why Christians fail to pray this way? Does anyone have an example of a time when they prayed this way? What happened? What were your feelings? Are you glad you prayed this way? What was the outcome?
3. **What is one aspect of Gethsemane that you had overlooked, or missed in the past that you are seeing with "fresh eyes," this Easter season?**
4. **In Romans 5**, it says that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." (v.5), then immediately follows with "for" while we are still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. (v.6). In your group discuss that connection between the objective reality that Christ died on the cross for your sins, (v.6-8) and the subjective experience of having God's love poured into your hearts by the Holy Spirit (v.5).