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What's this passage about, in your own words?

Q: This passage begins with Jesus warning the disciples that they will desert him by the end of the night. Is there any danger of you deserting Jesus during this time of tremendous adversity in our world? Why or why not?

This scene in the garden models three kinds of relationships in Jesus' life... UP (with his heavenly Father), IN (with the disciples), and OUT (with those far from God)...

Q: UP - What would it look like for you to pursue deeper intimacy with our Heavenly Father these days?

Q: IN - How can you continue to draw strength from other believers, during this season of social distancing and isolation? What will it look like for you to remain connected to other believers during this time?

Q: OUT - How might you reach out to the people in your life, who are far from God, with the love of Jesus these days? What sacrifices would you be willing to make for the sake of others?

Q: How could you practice prayer in each of these 3 relational directions (UP, IN, OUT)?

2.REVIEW ... **What is Jesus speaking to you about from this passage and this discussion?** (write it out...)

3.RESPOND... **what are you willing to do about the things that Jesus is speaking to you about?** (write it out... calendar it?)

Prayer

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