

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES - Matthew

Matthew 26:36 Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." 37 He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." 39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." 40 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. 41 "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." 42 He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done." 43 When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. 44 So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. 45 Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

Matthew 21:12 - 22 ... If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.

Other Passages:

James 5:13 Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.

Psalms 6:9 The LORD has heard my cry for mercy; the LORD accepts my prayer.

Romans 12:12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

1. Where do you go to pray? What do you like about Jesus' choice and location for prayer?
2. Why do we find it hard to pray with people? Or, why would someone not ask people to pray for them in their hard times? Give some examples of excuses we might make and why they are used?
3. What character could you most easily relate to as you read this passage, and why? A Disciple asleep? A Disciple betraying? A Disciple Running away? A Disciple in Anger and a sword? Or someone else?
4. What does the Bible tell us that prayer does? Turn to these passages and discuss how this informs us on prayer. **(Matthew 21:12 - 22 If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." Matthew 6:9-13 James 5:13-16)**
5. What one thing could you ask your group to pray for that you have not brought up before?
6. As Jesus models this preparatory time of Prayer, how might that inspire you in your prayer life to be different this week?

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS