

Community Group Discussion Guide

Prayer in Gethsemane
Mark 14:32-52
September 24, 2017



Sermon Summary

In Mark 14:32-51, we will see the lonely suffering of Jesus expressed in prayer in the garden of Gethsemane. Here Jesus enters into divine council with his father, deciding once and for all to go through with their plan to redeem humanity through his death. In this sermon this morning, I want to walk through the passage and help you feel the weight of Jesus' anxiety and loneliness in the garden of Gethsemane, and feel the isolation that he suffered. Upon working through the text, I want to leave you with a comforting truth: Jesus was abandoned so that you would never be. Jesus was lonely so you don't have to be. Through the lonely sufferings of the Son of God, you are given the love and intimacy of a relationship with God.

Discussion Questions

- What was the most impacting moment from the sermon?
- How did Jesus experience isolation and abandonment in the garden of Gethsemane? From his friends? From his Father?
- How does Jesus' sufferings provide us comfort?
- Have you been through seasons of isolation and loneliness? How did the truth of the Gospel help you?
- How can we daily remind ourselves of the Gospel and what Christ has done? Why is it so essential to do this regularly?
- How can you reach out to others who may be suffering from loneliness?