



GROWTH GROUP SERMON CURRICULUM

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MARK 14-15

"AND HE SAID, 'ABBA, FATHER, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE FOR YOU. REMOVE THIS CUP FROM ME. YET NOT WHAT I WILL, BUT WHAT YOU WILL.'" - MARK 14:36

FROM THE TEXT

- READ MARK 14:32-42. WHY DOES JESUS GO TO GETHSEMANE TO PRAY? WHAT IS HE PRAYING FOR? PETER, JAMES, AND JOHN FALL ASLEEP INSTEAD OF WATCHING AND PRAYING AS JESUS REQUESTED. HOW DOES THEIR LACK OF DISCIPLINE CONTRIBUTE TO THIS PASSAGE?
- READ MARK 15:33-39. IN THIS PASSAGE THREE SIGNIFICANT THINGS OCCUR. JESUS CRIES OUT, THE TEMPLE CURTAIN IS TORN, AND THE CENTURION MAKES A DECLARATION. DISCUSS THESE THREE EVENTS AND THEIR SIGNIFICANCE.

FROM THE SERMON

- ON SUNDAY, YOU HEARD JESUS' SUFFERING IN GETHSEMANE AND HIS DEATH ON THE CROSS ARE THE PINNACLE OF 'THE BIG STORY'. DISCUSS HOW 'THE BIG STORY' HAS BEEN BUILDING TO THESE EVENTS. WHAT PASSAGES OR STORIES DO YOU REMEMBER FROM THIS YEAR THAT POINT TO THESE EVENTS?
- PASTOR NATHAN LOOKED AT THREE CUPS FROM WHICH JESUS DRANK DURING HIS SUFFERING AND DEATH: THE CUP OF OUR SIN, THE CUP OF GOD'S WRATH, AND THE CUP OF REDEMPTION. DISCUSS EACH OF THESE CUPS AND THEIR SIGNIFICANCE. CONSIDER 1 PETER 2:24, ISAIAH 53:4, AND 1 PETER 1:18-19.

FOR YOUR LIFE | APPLICATION | ACCOUNTABILITY

- JESUS' SUFFERING AND DEATH SHOW US THAT HE IS THE SON OF GOD. HOW ARE WE TO RESPOND TO THE CROSS OF CHRIST? HOW HAS THIS EVENT CHANGED YOUR LIFE AND HOW DOES IT CONTINUE TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE? CONSIDER HEBREWS 12:1-2.
- IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE AND AT THE CROSS WE SEE JESUS' UNRELENTING OBEDIENCE TO THE FATHER'S WILL. WHAT AREAS OF YOUR LIFE DO YOU NEED TO GROW AND SUBMIT TO THE FATHER'S WILL? HOW CAN WE HOLD EACH OTHER ACCOUNTABLE IN THIS AREA?

PRAYER FOCUS

THANK THE LORD JESUS CHRIST FOR TAKING ON YOUR SIN AND THE PUNISHMENT YOU DESERVE IN HIS SUFFERING AND DEATH. PRAISE GOD FOR MAKING A WAY FOR REDEMPTION AND SALVATION IN JESUS CHRIST. CONFESS YOUR LACK OF OBEDIENCE AND PRAY THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WOULD LEAD YOU TO JOYFUL WORSHIP AND SUBMISSION TO GOD'S WILL.