



Gospel Community Study Questions

Gospel of Mark | Loving Freedom

Key Passages: *Mark 14:32-42; Isaiah 51:17; Jeremiah 25:15-17*

Big Idea: *Christ offers us faith, freedom and way to suffer faithfully in the garden*

Read and Recap

Read Mark 14:32-42

Discuss

Share together honestly about what response the passage evokes (e.g. sadness, anger, sorrow, apathy) and why.

Jesus was facing something much more agonising than death in the garden, something that Jesus describes as “a cup” in v36. What do you understand the cup to represent (The additional Old Testament passages may be of help)?

Jesus experience in the garden is the beginnings of the judgement of hell that he suffers in the place of sinners like us. What is hell (use scripture where you can to support your understanding) and why does it matter that we believe in its existence?

What do you understand about Jesus’ relationship towards the Father and towards us from his declaration of submission in v36 “Yet not what I will, but what you will”? In light of what Jesus was about to endure, how should this stir our love for him?

How do the disciples’ actions in the garden reflect our own attitude towards Jesus at times? What can we learn from this and specifically, what might it look like for us to put Jesus’ request to “watch and pray” into practice in our own context?

Close & Pray

Take some time read these scriptures together focused on the love of God for us and pray in response: *John 3:16; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 3:18-19, 1 John 4:19; Psalm 103:8-12*

Coming Up

Next week we’ll be looking at The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus in Mark 14:43-52