

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, May 3, 2009

Passage: Luke 22:39-71

Memory Passage: Luke 22:42

TODAY: From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 22:39-46.** Why does Luke say that he went to the Mount of Olives “as he was accustomed?” What is he referring to? (Luke 21:37; John 18:1-2).
- (b) Why did Jesus take the disciples with Him? What was the one thing He asked them to do? Why? What does this tell you about the importance of prayer? How does prayer help us to avoid temptation?
- (c) Jesus takes James and John and Peter with Him. What other two occasions did Jesus take these three (Luke 8:41-56; Luke 9:28-36)?
- (d) What does Jesus refer to when He speaks of “drinking the cup?” Consider these passages: Psalm 75:8; Isaiah 51:17, 22; Jeremiah 25:15-28.
- (e) What happened *physically* while Jesus prayed? (Be careful not to read what you have *heard* into the passage). What does this tell us about the struggle Jesus had as He faced the cross? What do you think caused the greatest concern for Jesus as He faced the cross?
- (f) *Family:* Read Luke 22:39-46 and discuss why prayer strengthens us for difficulties. What was Jesus facing on the cross? Was the physical pain the greatest concern? Pray that you might be prepared to face whatever temptations you face this week.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 22:47-48.** What does Luke tell us was the reason that they had fallen asleep? What would be the reason for this? How can our physical or emotional condition affect our spiritual condition?
- (b) Why did Judas wait until this time to betray Jesus (Luke 22:6)? What does this tell us about Judas (Galatians 1:10; Proverbs 29:25)?
- (c) How many soldiers did Judas bring (Matthew 26:47; Mark 14:43; John 18:2-3)? Why?
- (d) What does a kiss usually express? What was the purpose of the kiss of Judas (Matthew 26:48-49)? What was the significance of betrayal by a kiss (Proverbs 27:6)?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 22:47-48 and Proverbs 27:6. Why are “the wounds of a friend better than the kisses of an enemy?” How should you respond when others hurt you? Pray that you might have the peace of Christ in all that you face this week.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 22:49-53.** Read Luke 22:35-38. Did Jesus tell them to bring swords or was this sarcasm?
- (b) Did Jesus favor the use of violence to extend the Kingdom of God? How have Christians used violence wrongly in the history of the church? Give some specific examples from history.
- (c) Who used the sword (John 18: 10-11)? How did Jesus respond (Matthew 26:51-54)? What warning did Jesus give to those who would use the sword?
- (d) What are the weapons that believers are told to use (2 Corinthians 10:3-6; Ephesians 6: 17-18)?
- (e) What did Jesus say He could do if He wanted? What does this tell you about the death of Jesus (John 10:15, 17, 18; John 19:10-11)? Why is this important?
- (f) *Family:* Read Luke 22:49-53 and 2 Corinthians 10:3-6. How are we to fight our “battles?” Where did Jesus get His confidence to not fight back? Spend some time thanking Jesus for His willingness to go voluntarily to the cross for you.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 22:54-62.** What previous warnings had Jesus given to Peter (Matthew 26:31-35; Luke 22:31-34)?
- (b) Where did Peter follow Jesus to (John 18:15-16)? Who approaches Peter first? What happens after this denial (Mark 14:68)? What should Peter have realized then?
- (c) What are God’s three promises to us in temptation (2 Corinthians 10:13)? What happens when we do not recognize the warnings that God gives us? What happened to Peter?
- (d) Who is the second person to confront Peter (Mark 14:30)? After the third denial, what happened that broke Peter’s heart (Luke 22:61-62)? What is the response of the Lord to our sin?

(e) What do you think Peter remembered? Do you think he remembered Luke 22:31-32? Do you also tend to forget God's promises when you have sinned? What did David learn about God's forgiveness in Psalm 51:17? Why would it take the resurrection for Peter to be certain of this promise?

(f) *Family*: Read Luke 54-62 and Psalm 51:17. Do you ever fail God? What should be your response when you do? What is God's promise to you when you repent? Is there something you need to confess to God today?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Luke 22:63-71.** How was Jesus treated by the guards? What are they mainly making fun of? What did Jesus say would have been their response even if He told them? What does this tell us about the nature of unbelief?

(b) What do they call Him later (John 19:1-3)? How is their mockery a fulfillment of prophecy (Matthew 20:19)?

(c) How is Jesus' response to such treatment an example for us when we are treated badly (1 Peter 2:18-25)?

(d) What does Jesus admit? How do the religious leaders respond? What was the penalty for this (Leviticus 24:10-16)?

(e) *Family*: Read Luke 22:63-71 and 1 Peter 2:18-25. Have you ever been treated unfairly? How have you responded? How did Jesus respond? Pray that you might be able to give a testimony for Jesus in any struggles you might have this week.

DAY 6 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

Think back through what you have learned each day this week. Read Luke 22:39-71. What did you learn this week about the love of Jesus for sinners? What did this passage teach you about the cross that Jesus faced? Why did Jesus "drink the cup" that the Father had prepared for Him? Spend some time just praising Jesus for all He did for you!

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The Betrayal of the King

"Not my will but yours be done!"