

Eastridge Church
Sermon Study Questions

Series - Mark: The Untold Story of Jesus

Week 49: Garden of Gethsemane

Passage: Mark 14:32-42



Conversation Starter:

What is the most extreme or adrenaline pumping thing you have done?

Re-read Mark 14:32-42

As the passage opens, we find Jesus and his disciples on their way to Gethsemane. Christian highlighted how this had been a very long day for everyone, a day filled with the details of a traditional celebration and meal and filled with some challenging teaching and statements from Jesus. *Imagine that you are in the position of the disciples. What would you be thinking about as you walked just over a mile to Gethsemane? What stands out to you the most from what Jesus has said or done from verse 12 of this chapter until verse 32?*

This passage is one of the heaviest passages found in each of the gospel accounts. Jesus is surrounded by those that know him best, but we discover that even in the midst of these close friends he is completely misunderstood and alone. In verse 34 Jesus says "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death." *In your own words, unpack why this moment is so overwhelming for Jesus? Have you experienced a moment when you felt extremely overwhelmed? Is it comforting to know that Jesus understands what being overwhelmed feels like?*

Christian highlighted three warnings that can be drawn from the text:

- **Wake up!**
- **Temptation is real.**
- **Trusting and obeying God are not default human responses.**

With these warnings in mind, he also highlighted what our response, modeled on Jesus' actions in this passage, should be: **Pray, Seek support, Focus on the purpose God has given us.** *Take some time to meditate on these warnings and responses. Which of them stands out to you the most? Are you struggling with one of these warning right now? How are you doing in your response?*

Close your time in prayer. Ask that God would give you a small glimpse of the suffering Jesus endured so that it would increase your joy and appreciation for what He accomplished on our behalf.