



SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

Sermon: **Matthew 26:47-56**

Date: **October 30, 2022**

Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the teaching and bible passage this week?
2. Summarize what has happened so far on this Thursday evening prior to Christ's arrest.
3. Judas was organizing this gang of thugs that comes to arrest Jesus, while the disciples were sleeping instead of praying. What does this teach us about the work of the enemy and the importance of prayer in the life of the Christian?
4. How does Jesus react to Judas? How is he able to be so peacefully obedient in the midst of a scene full of chaos, emotion, and adrenaline?
5. Peter rises to Jesus' defense and strikes the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear (v. 51). Why was Peter's reaction foolish? How does Jesus respond to Peter?
6. Explain what Jesus means in verse 52 when he talks about the sword and says, "for all who take the sword will perish by the sword." How would you respond to someone who believes that this verse teaches pacifism?
7. It's one thing to say, "Not my will, but your will." It's another thing to then live accordingly. How does Jesus exhibit a commitment to obeying the will of God in this passage? How does his example encourage you in your life to obey Christ no matter the cost?
8. What is Jesus calling out in the lives of those that belong to the crowd in verse 55? Explain his address to the crowd.
9. How does verse 56 serve as a warning to us about the dangers of prayerlessness?