

THE GARDEN

Matthew 26:36-46

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. THE CUP
2. THE SLUMBER
3. THE SOLUTION

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick two or three of these to talk about as a group

1. What was most helpful for you from this week's message? Why?
2. The cup that Jesus references in the garden represents God's wrath toward sin and evil. The wrath of God is rarely anyone's favorite subject. How do you typically think about the wrath of God? How has your view of wrath shaped your view of God? What questions do you have about the wrath of God?
3. How do God's love and God's anger relate to one another?
4. Jesus speaks to the literal, physical state of his sleepy disciples to make a point about the larger state of all mankind. He says, "the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." In what ways does the image of sleep perfectly describe mankind's natural spiritual state? Where do you feel the effects of spiritual sleep in your life?
5. Have you "woken up" to the truth that God is perfectly good and wants what is good for you? If so, what was it that woke you up? How has seeing God's goodness more clearly affected your life?
6. Jesus completely surrendered His will to the will of His Father. To what degree have you surrendered your will to God's will? Where are you holding back? Why are you holding back?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: God does not just say He loves you. He does something about it. His wrath is real, which means His love is costly.