## The Cost of Love

Matthew 26:36-46 NIV Luke 7:11-17 NIV

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| 1. Was there any one thing you most agreed with or disagreed with from last weekend's message? What was it and why?   |
| 2. Share with the group of a time that you were in a "Garden of Gethsemane" moment. What thoughts, feelings, or actions came because of this moment?  |
| 3. In this past weekend's message, Pastor Terry spoke on Jesus' obedience to the Father and him giving his life over to suffering, pain, torture, and death. In your own words how was Jesus able to stay obedient in this time of sorrow and suffering? How are we able to stay obedient to God in these examples provided below? Give a different example for each one. |
| a. A time of tragedy or crisis in your life or family's life.   |
| b. God leading you to love or to forgive someone who has hurt you.  |
| c. Leading or prompting from the Holy Spirit to serve an in area you don't feel equipped to serve in.   |

d. A time of betrayal or manipulation from someone close to you.

| 4. <u>Digging Deeper</u> : This Sunday, Pastor Terry shared the story of Jesus giving the life of the son back to the widow found in Luke 7:11-17. She didn't ask for Jesus to come. She didn't recognize who he was. She didn't even ask for her son to be healed but Jesus was compelled by compassion and love. How is our focus on the next life and or the love of Jesus enable us to love others the same way that Jesus did? |
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| a. What are you willing to do to make sure you can make this temporary life of hardship, pain, and loss not get the best of you?  |
| b. Share with the group of what "Garden of Gethsemane" moment might be trying to get best of you. What would be your response to others of how to overcome this moment? What might you need from your group now to help you overcome this moment?   |
| c. What would be some healthy practices or spiritual habits that wil allow for you to stay faithful and obedient in these times of trail, sorrow, or hardships?   |
| d. Is there anything you need to do as a result of what you've learned this week?   |
| Closing in prayer: Close in a time of prayer this week. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you if there is anything that may be keeping you or others from experiencing the love and forgiveness of Jesus because of the time we have lived in this temporary life.   |