

Key Scriptures Passage	Questions for Reflecting and Group Discussion
<p><b>Mark 14:36</b> <b>Matthew 23:31,33-35</b> <b>Matthew 16:15-18</b> <b>Luke 22:61-62</b> <b>John 21:16-17</b></p> <p><b>Group Values:</b></p> <p><u>Authenticity</u> – Be honest. As you share together, learn to build trust with one another.</p> <p><u>Accountability</u> – Give permission for others to ask you questions about your life.</p> <p><u>Safety</u> – NO gossip. However, if someone is in danger, putting someone in danger, or through their inaction causing a person to be in danger then it must be reported.</p>	<p><b>Start talking.</b> Find a conversation starter for your group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What was something you persevered through this week?</li> </ul> <p><b>Start thinking.</b> Ask a question to get your group thinking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?</li> <li>• Read <b>Matthew 16:15-18</b>. What stands out to you about this Scripture? How would you describe Jesus if you were asked who He is?</li> <li>• Is it easy or difficult for you to persevere? What is your mindset like when you think about quitting?</li> </ul> <p><b>Start sharing.</b> Choose a question to create openness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share about a time when it would have been easy for you to quit or give up. What did you learn—about yourself and God—as you continued to persevere?</li> <li>• Is God calling you to persevere in an area of your life right now, even though it’s difficult? Talk about this experience with others.</li> </ul> <p><b>Start praying.</b> Be bold and pray with power.</p> <p><i>Father, thank You for Your love, Your forgiveness, and Your encouragement. Please show us the areas in our lives where we need to persevere and help us to keep going. We want to honor You with everything we have. We won’t give up. In Jesus’ name, amen.</i></p> <p><b>Start doing.</b> Commit to a step and live it out this week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you notice yourself wanting to quit this week, remember that anything worth doing will be hard. So pause, talk to God, and reach out to your Journey Group for encouragement.</li> <li>• Start the <i>Jesus Can Relate</i> Bible Plan using Plans With Friends: <a href="http://www.go2.lc/beenthere">www.go2.lc/beenthere</a></li> <li>• Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner such as PiN Ministries, Agape Food Drive, or contact Rob Williams to find a way to serve in the community.</li> </ul>

