

# LIFE GROUPS

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. There are significant events in our lives when we can recall the day in great detail (where we were, who we were with, and how that event changed our world). What was an event like that in your life?
2. **Read Mark 14:32-34.** Take a moment to discuss the rich setting of the story (the Garden of Gethsemane, who was there, what was Jesus preparing to do, etc.).
3. **Read Mark 14:35-36.** What did Jesus ask of God the Father?
4. Have you ever prayed for God to take something away but He did not do it? Why does God allow us to suffer when He has the power to relieve our suffering?
5. Jesus prayed, “Yet not what I will, but what you will.” Why is this prayer so difficult to pray?
6. **Read Mark 14:37-38.** Peter was sleeping right before one of the most significant moments in all of history. What does it look like to spiritually “fall asleep?”
7. Jesus called the disciples to “watch and pray.” What does this command entail? How does this call apply to our lives today?
8. **Read Mark 14:39-42.** The disciples fell asleep three times. Why do followers of Jesus sometimes struggle to have a vibrant prayer life?
9. What encouragement would you give a friend who wants to improve his or her prayer life?
10. What example did Jesus set for His disciples in overcoming temptation? What future trials would these disciples experience in which they overcame temptation?
11. How did Jesus model grace to his disciples in these verses? Who has been an example of grace in your life when you have not come through for them?
12. Jesus wanted his disciples to pray in order to prepare themselves for a significant spiritual battle. How does prayer prepare our hearts and make us ready to receive and live out God’s will for our lives?



### The Agony

Mark 14:32-42

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