

Discussion Questions – Mark 14:32-52

Mark 14:32-42

After dinner, Jesus goes outside the city to Garden of Gethsemane. He brings 3 of his disciples with him into the Garden. How would you feel if you were one of the 3, he included? How would you feel if you had been excluded?

Jesus reveals his emotions. What does this scene tell us about Jesus' humanity? We often see Jesus doing miracles or teaching, but now we get to observe his actions and what it reveals about him in a different way. What does this scene teach about how Jesus prays?

If you were asked by Jesus to pray, what would you pray for?

He finds his inner circle asleep. How would you feel if you found your friends like this? How would you feel if you were the one sleeping? What does this tell us about his disciples?

Mark 14:43-50

Judas enters the Garden with others. This group is not Romans, but representatives of the Temple leaders.

Judas kisses Jesus, a sign of friendship. How would you feel if you were the one who betrayed Jesus like this? What would lead someone to betray Jesus like this?

Peter cuts off a servant's ear in response. Peter was ready to fight but could not persist in prayer. What does this say about him? Why is it easier to take action than it is to pray?

Jesus is upset that the capturers came to him ready for battle. Why does this bother him?

Mark 14:51-52

This is an unusual story. Why do you think Mark included this small account?