

HOUSECHURCH NOTES

Each Sunday that you come together with your community for HouseChurch, we encourage you to spend time centering on God's presence through worship, communion and learning from the scriptures and discussion, praying, and spending time together. Content quick links are below, on the Red Door App and at www.thereddoor.cc/house. A basic run sheet for your gathering could look like:

1. RedKids content 2. Worship 3. Giving 4. Communion 5. Teaching and Discussion Questions 6. Prayer

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TEACHING VIDEO **Current Series** . The Classics
Message Title . Jesus in the Garden - Tested

1. Ponder the Text

- Get someone in your group to read through the passage out loud (Luke 22:39-46).
- Repetition is a literary strategy used to emphasise the importance of an idea. What themes and or words are repeated?
- Can you discern a pattern to the way Luke has recorded this story? (A chiasm is a literary device in which a sequence of ideas is presented and then repeated in reverse order. The result is a "mirror" effect as the ideas are "reflected" back in a passage. Each idea is connected to its "reflection" by a repeated word, often in a related form. A chiasm often has a pattern like ABXBA where the purpose is to highlight the importance of a central idea.)
 - A. Pray that you will not fall into temptation.
 - B. He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed
 - X. "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."
 - B. When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow.
 - A. "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."
- What is the cup that Jesus is referring to? Why do you think Jesus was in such agony over this? (ref. Psalm 75:8, Isaiah 51:17, Jeremiah 25:15)
- Can you describe in a sentence or two what you think the main idea of this passage is?

2. Testing

- Both the disciples and Jesus are being tested in this scene in the garden. How would you describe the nature of the test of each and what ultimately does this moment of testing reveal?
- Consider the story of the testing of Adam and Eve in the garden. What similarities are there? What differences?

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- In this passage we see Jesus wrestle to obey the will of God because of the great cost to himself to do so. We will all face moments, albeit nothing remotely like the suffering Jesus faced, where the will of God for us is to sacrifice a part of our life. Have you had a Garden of Gethsemane moment where you wrestled with the will of God? Did you ultimately obey and surrender to God's will? Why or why not?

3. Gospel Goggles

- How does the different responses of Jesus and the disciples in this passage reveal the truth of the gospel?
- How does the gospel as revealed in this passage encourage us in times of testing and comfort us in those times when we fail the test (which we will all do)?

4. Application

- What does this passage reveal about where Jesus got the strength to pass this test? (Ponder this statement: The very place where Jesus found his strength to overcome was also the very reason he found the cup so unbearable.)
- What instruction does Jesus give to the disciples in their time of testing? Why?
- Read through the passage again. What do we observe about the way Jesus prayed?
- Jesus' instruction here reveals just how vulnerable we are when we don't pray. Share with one another honestly, without judgment or shame, how your prayer life is at the moment? How might you encourage one another towards the kind of prayer life that Jesus models in this passage? Consider Jesus' place (v39), posture (v41), pattern (v42) and persistence (v44).
- Is there an area of your life God is asking you to die to? What are you afraid of? What is this test of obedience revealing in you? Just as Jesus asked his disciples in this passage to stand with him in prayer, how can your HouseChurch stand with you in prayer in this situation?