



Discipleship Guide
Drink the Cup & Put Away the
Sword
John 18

This guide was created to help you engage with the message and create deeper engagement with our worship services. Each week this guide will encourage you to reflect on two primary questions using the framework of Up (with God), In (with church) and Out (with neighbors). As we use this guide to reflect on the scriptures and your relationship with God, each other and your neighbors, consider pausing for a moment in quiet before jumping into the questions.

Weekly Questions:

- How is God getting my attention? For help, think about these areas:
 - How are you living up with God?
 - How are you living in community with other followers of Jesus?
 - How are you living out on mission with your neighbors?
- What are you going to do about it?

John 18:1-14

Everyone gets it wrong in this story (well, except Jesus). The religious leaders, Judas, Roman leaders, Peter and early church all think that with Jesus' arrest that Jesus' ministry will be a failure.

- How is it good news that everyone messes up? How is it good news that you don't have to already have your life together before Jesus includes you?
- What do we learn about how Jesus' love works when the people come to arrest him and Jesus presses in instead of avoiding the conflict?

After the crowd tries to arrest Jesus, Peter draws his sword and cuts off a servant's ear.

- Jesus immediately tells Jesus to put the sword away. With your life do you heal or cut?
- Do you see people in categories of good or bad or are all people seen in the image of God?
- Would people in your life say you heal or cut?

After the crowd chases him down, Judas betrays him and Peter acts poorly, Jesus says that he will drink the cup of sacrifice anyway.

- What do we learn about how God works in that what appears to be a tragic end to Jesus' life is a sign of Jesus' faithfulness for our rescue?
- Will you drink the cup or keep your hand on the sword?

For our kids (and adults too!):

Will you try to heal your relationships or hurt others?

After reflection, what are you going to do about what you learned this week?