

Small Group & Personal Bible Study

Memory Verse: Mark 14:36

"Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

Discovery Bible Study Exercise: In your journal or on a piece of paper make three columns and follow these steps:

- Step #1: Write out Mark 14:36
- Step #2: Re-write Mark 14:36 in your own words
- Step #3: Write out what you discover in this passage. List three things that Jesus wants you to know from His teaching.

Daily Meditation Reading:

Lessons on how God wants us into go to battle

- Day 1 – Mark 14:12-31
- Day 2 – Mark 14:32-42
- Day 3 – Mark 14:53-72
- Day 4 – Luke 22:1-38
- Day 5 – Luke 22:39-65

Lesson: Study Jesus praying in the garden found in Mark 14:32-42 and Luke 22:39-46

1. What do you think Jesus was experiencing that drive him to pray in the garden?
I believe it is obviously he was greatly troubled. He was experiencing a human battle he could not handle without divine power. In Luke 22 we see he was sweating drops of blood. He was pleading, yet trusting in the father.
2. What do you understand it to mean when Jesus prays, "take this cup from me?"
One of my favorite worship songs, "Here I Am to Worship," has a chorus that says it all, "I'll never know how much it cost to see my sins upon that cross." We can be certain that in Christ we will never ever be able to understand the price he paid for our sins. He was taking on the full cup of the wrath of God for us so we would not have to.

Look up these verses about the cup of God's wrath being poured out on unsaved sinners: Psalm 75:8, Isaiah 51:17-23, Jeremiah 25:15-28, Jeremiah 49:12, Revelation 6:16, Revelation 19:15 and for our salvation from his wrath Romans 5:8-9, 1 Thessalonians 5:9.

3. What lessons do you learn about prayer from Jesus' model in the garden?
I learn to ask! I learn to continue to seek God for answers, for strength and for comfort, (Jesus went three times back to God in prayer). I learn that God comforts and strengthens me in prayer (angels sent to minister to Jesus). I learn to pray according to his will and obedient to his will. Also, I learn God can do all things and I just have to trust in his plan and obey Him.
4. In prayer this week, express your gratitude to Jesus Christ for his desire to do the Father's will and give himself as a ransom for our sins!