

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, September 8, 2024

Scripture: Luke 22:39-46



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

The spiritual life must take the spiritual posture of prayer.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

1. Why was it Jesus' custom to visit the Mount of Olives?
2. What command does Jesus give his disciples twice in this passage (verses 40, 46)? Why do we often treat prayer as optional rather than as essential to our lives?
3. Discuss how prayer is an act of spiritual battle. What temptations do you regularly battle that demand the spiritual weaponry of prayer?
4. What can we learn from the way Jesus prayed in this text and other passages of Scripture? What was his posture that should also characterize our prayer?
5. What are some practical ways you can cultivate a greater discipline of prayer? What distracts you from praying the way that you would like to?
6. Do we pray as Jesus to remove hardship yet surrender to his ultimate will?
7. What was Jesus praying to be released from (verse 42)? What does this teach us about the dual nature of Christ (God and man)?
8. How does our understanding of the gospel influence the way we pray?
9. What happened as the disciples attempted to engage in spiritual battle through prayer? What can we learn from this?