Life Group Discussion Guide

JESUS AND THAT NIGHT Matthew 26:17-27:10 Stuart Jones - April 7, 2019



INTRODUCTION

We can read Matthew 26-27 and see all Jesus went through in His final days. It's hard for us to fathom that Jesus knew what He would go through—torture and pain—and still went through it! Why? He passionately loves us. He was willing to take all the humiliation, extraordinary pain and most of all, the past, present and future sin of the entire human race upon Himself. He was also willing to be separated from His Father when He bore our sins. He did it because He loves us, and desperately wants us to spend eternity with Him!

DISCUSSION STARTER

- 1. What are the special meals in your family? Do you pull out the fine china or go with Chinet? Do you have any special meal traditions?
- 2. Tell the group about someone who has shown you incredible grace and forgiven you. What impact did their grace and forgiveness have upon you?

EVALUATE IT

- 1. Read John 13:2-5. Jesus knew Judas would betray Him, Peter would act like he never knew Him and the others would scatter well before dinner that night, yet He ate with them and washed their feet. What does this action of Jesus teach you about your Heavenly Father?
- 2. Read Matthew 26:26-29. Jesus takes bread and wine and calls them his body and blood. What do these words mean to you? How would you explain them to someone who is new to faith?
- 3. Read Matthew 26:36-54. What do you think Jesus' emotions were during this part of the night? His friends can't stay away and another comes to betray Him. Regardless of their actions, what kind of poise and focus does He exhibit?
- 4. Read Matthew 27:1-10. Why is Judas suddenly seized with remorse? Was he expecting a different outcome? He and Peter both cave under pressure, yet history has treated them quite differently. Why?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

- 1. Reflect back on Matthew 26:26-29. What part of communion is the most meaningful to you? Why?
- 2. Do you have a Gethsemane or a place where you take your biggest stressors and pain and wrestle through those things with God? Where is it? Where could it be?



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