

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to me, and the one who comes to me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

GOD'S SERVANT REMAINS FAITHFUL UNDER PRESSURE Mark 14:27-42

Main Thought: In Mark 14:27-42, we find the faithlessness of the disciples contrasted with the faithfulness of the Lord when under the pressure of temptation.

1. THE FAITHLESSNESS OF THE _____. (vv 27-31; 37-42)

- 1) Jesus makes a prediction and a _____.
- 2) The disciples _____: "We got this."
- 3) Application: Don't depend on your own strength to resist the _____ of temptation.
 - (1) _____ goes before a fall. (Prov. 16:18)
 - (2) Our _____ are wicked. (Jer. 17:9)
 - (3) With Jesus _____ is never final. (v 28)

2. THE FAITHFULNESS OF THE _____. (vv 32-42)

- 1) Gethsemane – _____ was feeling great pressure.
- 2) Jesus prayed _____ times.
 - (1) "If possible, take this _____ from me."
 - He saw the _____.
 - He saw the _____ pain.
 - He saw the _____ shame.
 - (2) "Yet not what I _____ but what _____ will."
 - (3) An angel _____ Him. (Lk 22:43)

- 3) Application: Depend on _____ from the Lord to _____ the pressure of temptation.
 - (1) _____
 - (2) _____
 - (3) Depend on strength from the _____.
(1 Cor. 10:13)

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. In prayer ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and reveal God's truth to you as you read Mark 14:27-42.

2. What do you learn about Jesus from this passage?

3. What do you learn about human beings and yourself from this passage?

4. Is there anything you didn't understand in the passage? Were you able to find an answer for your question(s)? If so, what did you discover?

5. What lessons do you learn from this passage and how will you apply them to your life this week?

Digging Deeper:

6. Why do you think Jesus warned the disciples (especially Peter) about their upcoming denial?

7. What do you think caused Peter and the other disciples to be so sure of themselves?

8. What verse would later give the disciples hope after they had deserted and denied Him? (See also Mark 16:7)

9. What does "Gethsemane" mean? How is it applicable to the situation?

10. Why do you think Jesus took Peter, James, and John with Him to pray? Why don't they share Jesus' sense of urgency?

11. How do we see the humanity of Jesus in this passage?

12. Why would Jesus want the "cup" taken from Him? What does it represent?

13. What did Jesus desire most of all? What can we learn from that?

14. How did Jesus bear up under this temptation and ultimately resolve to face boldly what lay ahead of him? (See Luke 22:43)

15. How does the command to "watch and pray" help us when we are tempted?

16. What do you learn from 1 Cor. 10:13 about temptation and resisting it? How does God strengthen us in the midst of temptation?