

Journey to the Cross

(2) Garden of Gethsemane

Scriptures quoted: Matthew 26:36-56; Mark 14:32-50; Luke 22:39-53; John 18:1-11; Heb. 4:15-16; 2 Cor. 5:21.

- Invite four people to read the Gospel passages above. Allow time to reflect upon the narrative. In which ways do the accounts differ in detail?
- Following the readings, share your thoughts/feelings with other group members? How have the gospel passages impacted you? Why do you think that William Barclay writes of these Gethsemane passages: “Surely this is a passage which we must approach upon our knees. Here study should pass into wondering adoration”?
- How would you describe Jesus’ emotional state? If you were a disciple, how do you think you would have reacted/felt in seeing Jesus’ “raw” emotions?
- What do you think Jesus was praying for when he prayed “for the cup to be taken away”? Was this a possibility? Why did he pray this prayer?
- How does the Gethsemane passage speak to us today? Steve spoke of it bringing an encouragement, a challenge, and a principle for life. What were these, and how do they affect our everyday lives?
- Take time to pray through the things that you’ve learned from the Gethsemane narrative.