

CITYGROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



Spring 2019 • Week 12 • Mark 14; John 17

#CityGroupsTally

Week of April 7, 2019

REMINDERS for leaders:

Here are a few reminders before you get going:

- 1) **In View of Multiplication:** We've been encouraging leaders to pray and seek out possible co-leaders or other group leaders. Make the ask this week! If you've had someone in mind, contact them and see what they think about serving in this capacity.
- 2) Last Week of Spring Semester City Groups: The week of April 28th.
- 3) Questionnaires about your availability during summer groups will be going out soon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Upcoming Parent Commissioning (our version of Baby Dedication) on Mother's Day Sunday, May 12th. See the "Kids" tab of the church website to sign up if needed.
- 2) Volunteers Needed for Easter at the Civic Center!! It takes a huge team effort to make this happen. We need more volunteers and you can sign up either in the lobby on Sunday mornings or online [here](#).
- 3) (leaders, if you have the capabilities to do so, please show this video at the beginning of group time if your group includes women: [video](#)) Our very first City Church Women's "Rooted" Event will be held at the Sessions Road Campus from 7:00-9:00 p.m. We will be kicking off our new discipleship initiative and book clubs (more information coming so stay tuned for social media posts and e-mails!). Visit "Connect Events" at www.citychurchtallahassee.com to RSVP for this awesome night of worship!

BIG IDEA(s): PRAYER

PRAY: Ask the Lord to work mightily in the hearts of the group attendees through a time of concentrated prayer.

READ: *preface with this statement: **During Dean's sermon this week, he spent some time talking about the importance of prayer in connection with Jesus. As we spent time studying Mark 14:32-42 last week, let's look at another prayer of Christ's during the transition from the Passover meal to the move to the Garden of Gethsemane. This is a prayer Jesus prayed right after the Passover meal but before they went to the garden***

John 17 (for ease, break it up into 3 chunks: vs. 1-5, 6-19, and 20-26)

HEAD

- 1) In the first section of Jesus' prayer (vs. 1-5), what is the theme of His petition? *God's glory*
 - a. What was Jesus asking God to use to bring Him glory? *What was about to happen on the cross*
 - b. How did the culture back then look at death on the cross? *It was a shameful thing*
 - c. Christ's entire life and ministry was leading up to this point: God receiving glory despite unimaginable circumstances
- 2) In the second section of Jesus' prayer (vs. 6-19), what is the theme of His petition? *The care of His disciples*
 - a. What does this section of His prayer show us about Jesus? *His tender love for the disciples*
 - b. What job are the disciples sent out to do? *To live sanctified (made holy, separate) lives governed by the truth of God's Word*
- 3) In the third section of Jesus' prayer (vs. 20-26), what is the theme of His petition? *Unity in believers*
 - a. What is the desired outcome/purpose of unity among believers, besides God's glory? *So the world may believe (vs. 21)*

HEART:

- 1) What surprised you most about Jesus' prayer in John 17?
- 2) What resonated most with you about Jesus' prayer?
- 3) What convicted you most about Jesus' prayer?

HANDS:

As Jesus spent a good length of time praying for the glory of the Father, the unity of the believers, and for the world to be pointed to Him, let's spend the next 15 minutes or so in concentrated prayer for the following in our lives, church, and city...specifically in context of

Tallahassee. Below is a guide that you can follow. Please feel free to divide and conquer as the group attendees feel comfortable and add other prayer points as desired. Don't rush through this activity...this is a great time to corporately spend some concentrated time talking with the Lord.

1. Pray that God would receive glory
 - a. May we glorify God in our daily lives
 - b. That God would receive the glory in our Good Friday and Easter services
 - i. Souls would be saved
 - ii. Protect us from our own egos...everything about this holiday and associated celebrations/services is ALL about God
 - iii. For the physical and spiritual health and safety of every staff member and volunteer involved at these services
 - iv. That the city and state employees working these venues would be receptive to the Gospel
2. Pray for believers
 - a. That we would be faithful to share the Word of God
 - b. That we would be bold to share the Word of God
 - c. That He would protect us as we share the Word of God
 - d. That He would thwart the Enemy's desire to keep us from living holy lives that seek to glorify God
3. Pray for unity
 - a. That we would strive to be unified
 - b. That God would protect us from dishonoring Him by squabbling over unimportant issues
 - c. That in our unity, we would point others to Him
 - d. That we would love others as He has loved us