

# CITYGROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



Spring 2019 Week 11 – Mark 14:27-52

#CityGroupsTally

Week of March 31, 2019

## REMINDERS for leaders:

- **Easter Reflections:** We hope the Easter study guide has been helpful for you and your group. Would you ask your group members how they are liking what they are reading? Please let us know what feedback you are getting.
- **In View of Multiplication:** We have about 2 months left of group meetings for this semester. Have you been apprenticing anyone this semester? If not, now would be a good time to start by allowing them to help lead your group.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **Easter:** Easter Sunday is April 21st. It will be here before we know it. Many people in our city are looking for a place to attend church on Easter. Would you make sure to invite someone this year? We have invite cards available.
2. **Volunteers Needed:** Easter at the Civic Center will be here soon. It takes a huge team effort to make this happen. We need more volunteers. You can sign up for a spot on Sunday mornings in the lobby or online here [LINK](#)
3. **Parent Commissioning:** On Mother's Day (Sunday, May 12th) we will have our next Parent Commissioning. See the "Kids" tab of the church website to sign up if needed.
4. **Connect 101 & 201:** We will be revising our Connect classes. We're moving from 2 classes to one to help people get connected with the church. Stay tuned for details on dates and times.

## BIG IDEA:

**Though Jesus faces abandonment, he remains faithful to his mission.**

**PRAY:** Ask the Lord to lead your group meeting, speak through the Scriptures and guide conversations.

READ: **Mark 14:27-52**

HEAD (20 minutes)

[• WATCH THIS WEEK'S VIDEO](#)

**1) What do verses 27-28 teach us about who Jesus' is?**

- What verses are Jesus referencing? Zechariah 13:7 and following
- What is significant about this? Jesus is making a messianic claim.

**2) Brian mentioned in the video that even though Jesus said, quoting the Old Testament, that all the disciples would fall away, the disciples still didn't believe him. **Why do you think the disciples didn't believe what Jesus said?****

**3) What was the cup (v. 36) Jesus had to take?** The cup of wrath the God would pour out on Jesus to save humanity. This wrath would lead God to forsake Jesus on the cross as he bore the weight of our sin.

- Why was Jesus in so much anguish? (See also Matthew 26:26-46 & Luke 22:40-46) He knows what is ahead of him. More than the physical pain of the cross, he knows he will have to drink the cup of wrath from God.
- Even though he experiencing grief what does Jesus commit to do? How is this contrasted with what his followers are doing at the same time?

**4) This passage gives us three pictures of Peter. The first is when he says he "will not deny Jesus," the second is Peter falling asleep in Gethsemane, and the third is Peter cutting off the ear of the High Priest's servant. **Why do you think John Mark (the author of Mark) includes these events here?**** As Brian said, it helps demonstrate authenticity. Mark is showing that Peter mistook the mission of Jesus at this point and had already started to forsake him by missing Jesus' mission.

- What about the events of the "young man" who flees in verses 51 and 52? Why is this included? Most scholars agree that this man is John Mark (the author of Mark). What he's saying is "even I abandoned Jesus."

HEART: (15 minutes)

**1) Jesus told all the disciples they would deny him, but the disciples disagreed with Jesus. In what ways are you prone to question what Jesus has said about you or your relationship with him?**

**2) In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus experienced extreme grief as he looked to what awaited him, yet he remained faithful to the divine mission of salvation. How does this encourage you?**

- What confidence can we have because of Jesus' faithfulness?
- How does Jesus' faithfulness to the Father humble you?

**3) Though the disciples all denied him, upon his resurrection Jesus makes it a point to come to the disciples "and Peter" to restore their relationship with him. What does this teach you about your need for Jesus?**

HANDS (15 Minutes):

**1) Though Jesus was betrayed and abandoned we know the story of the gospel does not stop there. How do these events inspire boldness in you to share the gospel with others?**

**2) Jesus remains faithful to fulfill his mission despite abandonment and betrayal. He even later reconciles with those that left or denied him. Who do you need to be reconciled to that may have wronged you in the past? How can you take steps toward reconciling with them?**

Pray (10 Minutes):

This Sunday, April 7th, we will pray for those in Tallahassee that don't believe the gospel is for them. We will pray that the Lord would use this Easter season to open hearts to his good news. Specifically, we will be praying for those that we share the gospel with, that they would respond in faith, and for those that we invite to Easter at the Civic Center that they would come and hear the gospel proclaimed with power and be saved.

Take some time to reflect together as a groups how you can work to share the gospel with your neighbors and invite them to celebrate Easter with us. Pray for our church in this season that we would find hope in the resurrection of Jesus.