

Small Group Discussion Guide – Read Mark 14:32-42

-How could it be said that the Garden of Gethsemane is the most ‘pivotal’ moment in human history? Why does so much of the gospel ‘hinge’ on what happens here in this dark scene?

- In what ways do we see the mystery of the incarnation of the Son of God from this scene in Gethsemane? How can we say that Jesus is truly God, and yet there were certain things, in his humanity, that he didn’t fully know? (see Matthew 12:36) How do we see here both his divinity and his humanity?

-In what ways do we see the wonder of the cross from Gethsemane? How were you moved to worship Christ more fully as a result of this scene here in the Garden? What stands out to you most about Jesus’ prayer in Gethsemane?

- What was the ‘cup’ that Jesus asked to be removed from him? (see Isaiah 51:17; Revelation 14:10) How does Jesus take away God’s wrath from us? (see Romans 3:25-26) Why might we say this is the very ‘centerpiece’ of the gospel?

- In these three scenes, Mark emphasizes the disciples’ failure to stay awake and pray, but Jesus’ agonizing abandonment. Why does Mark want us to see that Jesus is totally alone as he makes his way to the cross? How does it comfort or challenge you to know Jesus felt sorrow, anguish, and abandonment? How are you strengthened by seeing Jesus’ willing submission and perfect obedience to his Father’s plan?