

## The Gospel of Mark Message Series

Discussion Guide based on the morning message on July 4, 2010

*Looking for a Little Understanding? – Mark 14:32-42*

**Big Idea:** Go to Jesus in prayer realizing that He truly understands your pain.

### ICE BREAKER DISCUSSION

- What is the meaning of hallelujah? What victories has God won in your life? In this church? In this country?
- What is comforting about having someone in your life who understands you? Why is it comforting to know that God understands you? How is He different than anyone else who understands you? How does this demonstrate His power

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Why is alone-time a good spiritual practice?
- What is helpful about having someone else who prays for you? What is the place of other people in your spiritual development? (SEE APPLICATION)
- What is the significance of the word "cup" in verse 36? (wrath of God in OT references)
- Why did Jesus have to die? (OT model) Ask 3 times emphasizing the words underlined and discuss each one.
- Discuss the magnitude of sin. (110,000,000,000 people X 70 years X 365 days X 3 sins= over 8 quadrillion sins)
- What have we been given because of Jesus' sacrificial act? (access to God)
- How does God use negative things to spur spiritual growth? Can you see an example in the Bible (Peter)? What makes the difference if it does or not?
- How is prayer a key to spiritual success? (SEE APPLICATION)

### APPLICATION

- Find 2 other people that you can trust to walk with you in your spiritual development.
- Evaluate the negative things in your life and explore how God can use them. Simply ask Him to do just that.
- Develop your prayer life so you can experience spiritual success. How?
  - Prayer
    - Commit to start praying faithfully
    - Develop a plan
    - Let someone else know that plan and give them permission to keep you accountable
    - Count on the adversary attempting to interrupt the plan and keep pressing on