

## **The Gospel of Mark Message Series**

Discussion Guide based on the morning message on July 11, 2010

*The Sword or the Cup? Mark 14:43-52*

**Big Idea: Surrender your right to control the One who is in complete control.**

### ICE BREAKER DISCUSSION

- Why do people live like they are in control of their lives? Like they are God?
- What is (or should be) different about us and non-believers when it comes to living like we are in control?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Peter was fighting the wrong enemy with the wrong weapon. (see also 2 Cor. 3:3-6)

- Where was the real battle? (see also Ephesians 6:10-18)
- What is the only offensive weapon?
- Is the Word a part of your life? Why or why not?
- How can you make it a part of your life?
  - Sit under Biblical preaching
  - Participate in a small group that studies the Bible
  - Do personal Bible study
- Compare Peter's success with a real sword vs. the sword of the Spirit, the Bible.
- What is our greatest tool to advance spiritually?

2. Peter revealed the wrong attitude and trusted the wrong energy.

- What is the proper relationship between your will and God's will?

### APPLICATION

- How will you live differently next week because of what you've experienced today? How will you let God control your life this next week?