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Look up and read your memory verses, Luke 22:41-42, in your Bible.

The Bible tells us that while Jesus lived on earth as a man, He prayed often to talk to God. He knew it was important to stop and spend time praying before, after, and during everything He did.

Look up and read Luke 6:12 in your Bible.

How long did Jesus spend in prayer?

Prayer is the safe place we can tell God everything good AND bad we are thinking and feeling.

Look up and read John 6:38 in your Bible.

What was the reason Jesus came to live as a man on earth?

God's will is His plan and purpose for everything He created. Part of that plan was to have Jesus die on the cross for our sins.

Now look up and read John 6:40 in your Bible. What is the will of God?

When Jesus knew it was almost time for Him to be arrested, He took His disciples with Him to the garden of Gethsemane.

Look up and read Matthew 26:37 in your Bible.

How was Jesus feeling?

Jesus knew that He could tell God exactly how He was feeling and thinking.

What do your memory verses, Luke 22:41-42, tell us that Jesus did? (Hint: Look at verse 41.)

Jesus was fully God and fully man. He knew what was going to happen and how hard it all would be. He also knew that God's plan was best and wanted to be a part of that plan.

Look up and read Luke 22:43 in your Bible.

What appeared to Jesus and strengthened Him?

God sent an angel to give Jesus the strength that He needed. God won't always send something you can see to help you. But God will always give you the strength you need when you ask Him.

We can talk with God when we are having a hard day or have to do something difficult. God will always give you the strength to do what He has asked you to do.

What do you need to ask God to give you strength to do? Write a prayer below asking Him for what you need.

DEFINITION

WILL OF GOD OR GOD'S WILL — God's plan and purpose for His creation and for each person He created

Discussion Questions

These questions are just a few that your small group will talk about. Think about your responses to the following questions.

1. Do you feel like you can talk with God about anything? Why or why not?
2. What is something you could ask God to give you strength to do?

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Look up and read your memory verse, Ephesians 5:2, in your Bible.

Jesus gave Himself up as an offering and a _____ to God.

What does it mean to sacrifice something for someone else?

Because Jesus loves us more than we can imagine, He chose to sacrifice Himself for us when He died on the cross in our place. He loves us with the greatest love that ever has been.

So what happened when Jesus died on the cross?

Look up and read Luke 23:33 in your Bible.

When they hung Jesus on the cross, who was on either side of Him?

What was Jesus' response when He was hung on the cross?

Look up and read Luke 23:34a in your Bible. In the space below, write out what Jesus said.

" _____ , for they know not what they do."

Look up and read Luke 23:35-39 in your Bible.

How did most of the people, the soldiers, and one of the criminals treat Jesus when He was hanging on the cross? Circle one.

MADE FUN OF JESUS

CRIED AND WANTED TO SAVE HIM

Look up and read Luke 23:44-46 in your Bible.

What did Jesus say before He died? (Hint: Look at verse 46.)

Father, into Your hands _____ .

Jesus gave Himself up to God as the sacrifice for our sin. He died in your place so that you can have a relationship with God.

Look up and read Hebrews 10:12 in your Bible.

Jesus offered one sacrifice (Himself) for _____ .

Jesus is the only one who could have made that sacrifice because He is perfect, and He is God.

God wants you to understand that Jesus died in your place for your sin.

Write a prayer to God thanking Him for sending Jesus to be the sacrifice for your sins.

DEFINITIONS

FRAGRANT — sweet smelling aroma

IMITATOR — someone who copies someone else

OFFERING — something given freely to God

SACRIFICE — something given as an offering to God

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These questions are just a few that your small group will talk about. Think about your responses to the following questions.

1. How would you explain why Jesus chose to die on the cross? What does His sacrifice mean to you?
2. How can Jesus' example help us show God's love to others?