

## 3-19-23 Facilitator – Gethsemane Mark 14:32-42, Tim Rice

1. **Launchers:** Who do you know that “won” by losing and did it on purpose?

2. **Worship God using #1 from *You can Pray with Us*.**

- Worship the LORD for His abounding mercy to love and save people like us. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that He can work through unimaginable horrors to bring us into the place of blessing and peace.

3. **Sermon Reflection: Gethsemane Mark 14:32-42**

**STARING INTO THE ABYSS – Jesus saw it coming and talked about it.**

- As the LORD acquaints us with our frailty, how does it accentuate His glory?
- When have you faced a crushing assignment? And how did you prepare? The contemplation of suffering is part of the suffering.
- But how can profound need awaken us to faith? (“Who can help?”)

**OVERWHELMING FAILURE – We can’t fathom suffering.**

- In our fallen condition, how are we fickle, faithless, and weak?
- What has persuaded you of your weakness?
- What depths have you plumbed where the line never hit bottom? (e.g. cancer, poverty, addiction)?
  - It’s not our promises God is seeking, but our confessions and trust.

**RESOLUTE AGONY**

- What is amazing about what Jesus willingly takes on for us?
- And Jesus’ work was fueled by what we need. How much of what you do is driven by what you want instead of what people around you need?

4. **Kingdom Centered Prayer: You Can Pray with Us**

1. Worship the LORD for His abounding mercy to love and save people like us. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that He can work through unimaginable horrors to bring us into the place of blessing and peace.
2. How have you lived denying that you are weak, or that you need God’s work to cleanse you or make you whole? Confess your helplessness to Jesus, asking Him to forgive your pride and heal you to be truly loyal to Him.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His saving work to willingly bear our guilt by His death and heal our brokenness by His resurrection. Thank Him for drinking the cup of wrath we deserve so that we can have the cup of peace that only He deserves.
4. Who do you know that lives trying to negotiate with God? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them instead to trust Him, and cry out for God to have His way with them.
5. Pray for the Holy Spirit’s work to show you where you are still trying to win Jesus’ love instead of resting in His gospel. And as Jesus’ work was fueled by what we need, pray for a renewed heart to act in light of what people around you need.

5. **Mission: Christians bow to God and love for those in need inviting and praying for them to trust Jesus.**

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- List the friends, family, and co-workers that God has placed on your heart this Easter season. Ask God for opportunities to share your story of God’s saving grace and invite them to trust Jesus to save them.