

# York St Small Groups

## Sermon Based Studies

**SUNDAY 7 APRIL 2019**

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**Journey to the Cross**

**The PREPARATION**

**Mark 14:32-42**



**Please note that these studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday Sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing and supper.**

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## ICE BREAKER

Share a time where a significant event was approaching and what it was like to “prepare” for it. Spend some time sharing specifically about the final moments leading up to it, and what it was like for you.

(Eg: Wedding, baby arrival, surgery, new job, etc)

## OR

Tell of a time when you were ill-prepared for something important. Share what that experience was like for you, and if the outcome of that experience, shaped how you’d approach something similar in the future.

(Eg: writing an exam, preparing a speech or presentation, leading a small group study 😊 or worship time)

## INTO THE WORD

**Read Mark 14:32-42**

**Read Matt 26:36-46**

**Read Luke 22:39-46**

Q1: Compare and Contrast these 3 different accounts of Jesus’ time in the Garden of Gethsemane from 3 different perspectives. What differences stand out to you? What similarities can you see?

Q2: Why do you think Jesus chose to come to the garden of Gethsemane the night before His arrest?

Q3: Who did Jesus invite further into the garden with Him, and why?

Q4: Why was it so hard for the disciples to stay awake praying?

## GOING DEEPER

Q5: What is intrinsically human and divine (God-like) about what Jesus prays in this scripture? **Mark 14: 35 Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. 36 "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."**

Q6: Read Mark 14:37-38 again. Do you think the temptations we face today are any different than what the disciples faced in Jesus' time? Why or why not?

Q7: What does "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak" mean? Do you think the church of today can relate to this statement? Why or why not?

## CONCLUSION & PRAYER

As we prepare for the road ahead, spend time –privately- considering if there are any areas below that you are currently wrestling with? If appropriate, consider sharing with your group, and asking if they'd pray for you on this journey.

- 1) **Actively Waiting** - I am in a place of waiting and need to consider how to be actively prayerful in this time **Mark 14:32**
- 2) **Submitting Control** – I struggle with letting go and allowing God to be in control **Mark 14:36**
- 3) **Being Vulnerable** – I find it difficult to open up and share who I really am with others **Mark 14:33-34**
- 4) **Staying Alert** – Temptation is around me – and I'm struggling to be watchful and alert to stand against it. **Mark 14:37-38**

Have someone read **Hebrews 12:1-3** as a prayer over the whole group to finish.