

Luke 22 Gethsemane prayer for prayer series week 9

Warm up question 1. When you face a trial in life, do find you are more or less likely to pray? Why?

Warm up question 2. In your prayers, do you pray for God's saving plan for Kiwis not to fail? Why/why not?

As we continue to grow in prayer, we come to Jesus' prayer as he faces the ultimate trial of whether to draw back from the suffering of the cross: Instead he prays for God's saving plan not to fail.

Pray. We're focusing on 22:39-46, but let's read the before and after context too.

Read Luke 22:31-53

First reactions:

- What do you make of the business about swords?
[the commentators suggest that its about readiness for standing with the one now called 'a transgressor' v37. So in summary: It's about readiness to face opposition, not about exerting force or taking revenge, as per v51.]
- How many times does prayer come up in the whole passage? And prayer for what?

Jumping to the heart of the passage, v42.

1. In the first part of Jesus' prayer, what is the cup he wants to be taken from him?
(Look up and read Isaiah 51:17-22 to help answer this question.)
2. In the second part of Jesus' prayer what is more important than his own desire?
What is 'this will' referring to?
[God's saving plan for the nations: in place of fair condemnation for sin, merciful forgiveness, pardon & justification for sinners]
3. How does the Father answer Jesus' prayer according to v43?
4. The pattern with Jesus is: **trial** then **prayer** then **strengthening**. Do you agree?
5. How do we see this pattern seen with the Apostles, for example in v31-32?
[i.e.v31-32 What are the trials they face? What is the prayer prayed for them – by whom? Where does strengthening come from?]
6. Why is this pattern helpful for us to see?
[at the least it is instructive: urging us to pray in midst of trials. Even more: it is encouraging to notice God answers his people]
7. Whose will is being done in v47-53?
[there is more than one answer!]
8. How does Jesus' prayer help us to pray?
[Because of his determination for God's saving plan not to fail, we can come to be saved from judgement into living relationship with the living God]
9. How does Jesus; prayer teach us to pray?
[while his situation concerns the saving of the world, we can still pray in our circumstances 'help me do what you want']

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Dear Growth Group leaders,

A quick message about our plans for the coming months.

1. Next GG leaders meeting: **Sunday 4 August 3:00pm-4:30pm** at our home.
2. Upcoming series.

While some details are still being finalized, after **Prayer** we move to **Romans 12** and a **GG break**. After the GG break, we're taking 2 weeks to preview the **3-2-1 course** which introduces people to God (we'll be running this 4 wk course for guests from mid-Sept). After 3-2-1 I'm planning that we'll spend 5 weeks on a topical series '**Talking about Jesus with others**' (5-Aug to 8-Sep).

FYI: During this period our Sunday services will see us preaching through Romans 12-16. This means that our Growth Groups will depart from following our Sunday preaching series. It's just for a short time. We'll return to our usual pattern in September.

GG week comm Monday	GG Passage or Topic	Notes for GG Leaders	Sunday	Sermon passage
17-Jun	John 17:1-26	Our focus this week	23-Jun	John 17:1-26 (+Jay)
24-Jun	Luke 22:39-46	Our focus next week.	30-Jun	Luke 22:39-46 (Mark)
1-July	Steps to prayerfulness	I have a short paper to help us take practical steps to prayerfulness.	7-Jul	Romans 12:1-2 (Wally Behan)
8-July	GG break	Winter school holidays 6-21 July	14-Jul	Romans 12:3-8 (Wally Behan)
15-July	GG break	Winter school holidays 6-21 July	21-Jul	Acts 12:1-17 (Richard Drury)
<i>Note: Richard Drury Barnabas Aid preaching Acts 12:1-17 on 21-July, and Barnabas Aid Prayer meeting 22-July 7:15pm.</i>				
22-July	3-2-1 Course session 1	The course we're using to introduce God to people in mid Sep.	28-Jul	Psalms 23 (Rob Morton)
29-July	3-2-1 Course session 2	The course we're using to introduce God to people in mid Sep.	4-Aug	Romans 12:9-21
5-Aug	Motivations for mission	Various passages. Series: ' <i>Talking about Jesus with others</i> '	11-Aug	Romans 13:1-7
12-Aug	Clarity on our message	Ephesians 2:1-10 Series: ' <i>Talking about Jesus with others</i> '	18-Aug	Romans 13:8-14
19-Aug	Connecting with people	Various passages Series: ' <i>Talking about Jesus with others</i> '	25-Aug	Romans 14:1-12
26-Aug	Listening before speaking	Various passages incl Proverbs 17,18. Series ' <i>talking with..</i> '	1-Sep	Romans 14:13-23
2-Sep	Speaking & inviting a response	Various passages Series: ' <i>Talking about Jesus with others</i> '	8-Sep	Romans 15:1-13
9-Sep	Romans 12-16	Romans 15:1-33 focus on v14-33	15-Sep	Romans 15:14-33

In Christ, Mark