

The Agony of Jesus

This Changes Everything

Sermon Discussion Guide for the week of March 9, 12-13, 2016

Main Point: Jesus fulfilled the will of God in order to save sinners who could not.

Luke 22:39-46

CONNECT

What is the most difficult decision you've ever had to make?

How do you typically make difficult decisions? Do you often second guess yourself?

What kinds of factors do you weigh when making difficult choices like these?

LEARN

Ask a volunteer to read Matthew 6:10.

What does it mean for "God's will to be done"?

How do you think God's will is done in heaven?

Do you find it easy to know and follow God's will and plan all the time? Why or why not?

Ask a volunteer to read Luke 22:39-46.

Why do you think Jesus went to the Mount of Olives?

Look closely at Jesus' prayer in verse 42. How would you describe what Jesus is praying in your own words?

What is the "cup" which Jesus must drink (v. 11)?

Does the fact that Jesus prayed for the cup to be removed bother you or encourage you? Why?

Why do you think Luke included the detail that Jesus knelt to pray? What does that indicate about the nature of prayer and what Jesus was feeling?

Why is it important that we understand that it was the will of the Lord that Jesus die?

How does understanding that the cross is the will of God impact the way we view the crucifixion?

How does it impact the way we view Jesus' prayer in the garden?

Ask a volunteer to read Isaiah 53:4-11.

How does this passage help us understand the will of God in the crucifixion?

Do you think Jesus thought often about this passage of Scripture?

What do you think Jesus felt when He thought about the way He would suffer?



What do you feel when you read this passage?

SERVE

Are you comfortable praying for God's will to be done? What must we believe to be true about God's character in order to pray for His will to be done in our lives and the world?

Are we obligated to live in God's will? What are the benefits of doing so? What are the dangers of not?

What happens when we view prayer as something to check off our daily spiritual checklist?

How might remembering the struggle of Jesus in the garden this week aid you in more fully appreciating the gravity of the crucifixion?

PRAYER

Praise Jesus this week for His commitment to the will of God. Thank Him for remaining strong, despite the temptation. Pray that you would follow God's will as Jesus did.



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