



Study guide

March 31, 2019

Message Title: Prayer In Gethsemane

Teaching Pastor: Brian C. Hughes

This study guide has been designed for Small Groups in mind, and can be used by individuals as well.

Who was your favorite "TV dad" and why?

In this week's text, Jesus cries out to his Dad and asks for help. Read Matthew 26:36-46. Share your observations.

Watch the Video

What do you think of Jesus' friends in this story? Can you relate to what they did? Why or who not?

Think of a time in your life when you cried out to God and begged him to spare you from something. Share that with the group, and tell them the outcome.

Rarely, God does intervene and we get a miracle. But mostly, God allows the world to operate in its brokenness, with the suffering and pain that comes with it. That's not God's fault. The world is broken and we broke it. So share with the group how you felt about a situation you asked God to alter, but He didn't. The marriage still failed or the person you loved still died or the sickness changed your lifestyle in a dramatic way. So share with your group how you wrestled with your faith when the miracle didn't come.

Have you ever relied on friends to pray for you? It is one of the most life-giving things to have a few good friends who pray for you through a trying time. I strongly encourage you to talk as a group about prayer for a few minutes. Each group member should share one thing they are asking the group to pray for (just one) and the group should commit to pray for each person's request every day for the next 2 weeks. Then discuss it and see how God is answering prayer.

NOTES