

## Connection Group Bible Study 04/17/2019

### The Garden and the Trial

**7:00 Open in Prayer**

**7:00-7:30 Talk/Fellowship/Ice Breaker**

**7:30-8:20**

#### **Announcements:**

Friday **April 19<sup>th</sup>** is **Good Friday**. We will be meeting at the church from 7:00pm – 8:00pm for a time of worship, prayer, and reflection. We will also be receiving communion at this service.

Sunday **April 21<sup>st</sup>** is **Easter Sunday**. This is the day we come together and celebrate our resurrected Savior! Service time will be from 10:00am – 11:30am. Immediately following the service will be an egg hunt for the kids ages 6 months – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Challenge yourself to invite a friend, family member, or loved one to join us on this special day!

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For the month of April we will be studying the events leading up to the resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday. Last week we discussed **Palm Sunday** and the different accounts of that time.

#### **What is something from last week's study that stuck with you?**

Tonight we are going to be looking into what happened just before Christ made the journey to the cross.

**Can anyone discuss something that you know of that happened before Jesus was crucified?**

One of the most recognizable events that happened leading up to when Jesus was crucified was what happened in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus and His disciples came to the garden and there He prayed to His Father.

**Read Mark 14:32-42 (Read and discuss what is happening)**

Directly after the garden Jesus was betrayed.

**Mark 14:43-52 (Read and discuss what is happening)**

After His betrayal Jesus was brought before the high priest.

**Mark 14:53-65 (Read and discuss what is happening)**

Peter denies Christ just as Jesus said he would.

**Mark 14: 66-72 (Read and discuss what is happening)**

Jesus is put on trial and faces Pilate.

**Mark 15:1-20 (Read and discuss what is happening)**

**Is there anything that really stuck out to you in the scriptures that were read?**

**Is there anything that we read that you did not know happened?**

**If you had been present during Christ's trial how do you think you would have reacted?**

Reading through the scripture you can get a sense of how dark this time in Christ's life was and how truly human He was here on earth. We read about His great despair in the garden facing what was about to happen to him, the betrayal and rejection of His disciples, false accusations of the high priest, the abuse of the people, and ultimately the sentence of death. **It can be easy to just focus on the victory of His resurrection but why do you think it is important we recognize and focus on the darkness that happened beforehand?**

**Close in Prayer**