



Group Discussion Guide: With Jesus At The End | April 3, 2022

Begin with prayer (5 minutes).

Read **Psalm 63** out loud for your group.

After you finish reading, pause for a few brief moments of silence. After a couple seconds of centering, pray to open your time together. Ask God for help in guiding your time together, for people to listen well, for people to speak honestly, and for the Holy Spirit to use this gathered time to shape you and mold you into Jesus' likeness.

Split into triads, read Luke 22:39-44, go over the sermon, and share your thoughts and insights (20 minutes).

- What from this message resonated with you or challenged you?
- Read **Luke 22:1-38**. Next, look ahead to **Luke 22:47-23:49** (you can read the whole portion or skim it). Describe what you think might have been the mood and the conversations among the disciples between the time they left the upper room and when they reached the garden. Compare that to their mood and conversations after Jesus was arrested.
- What happened or what was said on the Mount of Olives that gives you an indication that this was an important moment for Jesus?
- Dan shared several takeaways about Jesus' prayer life from **Luke 22**. Which of the following characteristics stand out to you most?
 - we need to have a place to meet with God
 - we need to have our closest friends with us
 - we need to wrestle with God
 - we need to boldly make our requests
 - we need to trust God's sovereign plan
 - we need to know God will sustain us

Leave your triads to individually practice prayer right now (30 minutes).

Have each person in your group locate a quiet space to meet with God. Have them, in their prayer time, prayerfully consider Jesus in **Luke 22:39-44**. Then, have them pray through the following questions.



- What words or phrases from **Luke 22:39-44** is God drawing your attention to? Why do you think that is?
- What in your life do you need to submit to God's will?
- What request(s) do you have of God right now?
- What sin, will or character trait are you holding onto that needs to be replaced with trust in God's sovereign plan?

Come back to gendered accountability groups for debrief and intercessory prayer (30 minutes).

As we've done throughout this series, we're creating space each week to have accountability and prayer with one another.

Debrief the following questions as a large, gathered group.

- What are some strengths and weaknesses of your prayer life?
- What words or phrases from **Luke 22:39-44** did God draw you towards? Why?
- What are you wrestling with God about right now in prayer?
- What things of the earthly nature do you need to put to death (Colossians 3:2-5)? What Godly characteristics do you need to clothe yourself with (**see Colossians 3:12-17; Ephesians 4**)?
- How can this group pray with and for you?

Finish by praying over and for one another.

Come back as a large group and finish with intercessory prayer (10 minutes).

Like each week, finish your group session with prayer. You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone's prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close in prayer.