JESUS PRAYED IN A GARDEN



LEADER BIBLE STUDY



CONTEXT AND COMMENTARY FOR PERSONAL STUDY AND PREPARATION

(For age-appropriate language, use the Bible story statements in the leader guide.)

Imagine what it must feel like to know that death is coming soon. Most of us would probably fall on our faces before God and beg Him to intervene. We would ask our friends and family to pray for us. We would rally support. The instinct to stay alive would kick in, and we would do whatever we could to avoid such a death.

But what if our support team failed us? What if they stopped praying? What if we were left to face those hours before death all alone? What if God chose not to intervene? What would we say to Him at that point? How would we feel about Him?

As Jesus sat in the garden before His arrest, He knew what was coming. He knew He would be beaten. Jesus understood He would be tortured before being killed. With this knowledge, Jesus prayed to God the Father and expressed His desire for another way. However, in a perfect example of total submission, Jesus declared, "not my will, but yours, be done."

Jesus gave you the ultimate example of what your prayers should look like when you turn to God for help during difficulty. When you give Him control of your life and declare that it is His will, not your own, that you want, you will discover an unshakable peace.

Take a moment and read Philippians 4:4-7. As you pray this week, allow the Scripture to remind you that God hears your prayers and will answer according to His will. Ask God to help you find the courage to trust Him fully and grant you the peace "which surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7).

TEACHER TIP

Pray for the babies in your class. Consider asking parents for specific things that you can pray for their babies.

GOD



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL **LEARNING**

God hears me.

LIFE POINT

God hears and helps people.

BIBLE PASSAGE

Mark 14:32-40; Luke 22:39-46

BIBLE VERSE

We can ask God to help us. Psalm 30:2

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