

Getting to Know Each Other.

Share light refreshments. Go around the group and introduce yourselves and talk through this question: *“Who in your family has a tendency to fall asleep while driving late at night?”* *

Follow up. Did you get to share with someone about Jesus this past week?
Or how else did you obey Jesus?

Vision. Jesus told us to “Make disciples.” The purpose of our Life Group is: To help people become Believers in Jesus and grow up to become Disciple Makers.

Bible Study Introduction. After His Last Supper with the disciples, in preparation for His death, Jesus led the disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane where He prayed. This is what happened.

Pray. Before we read the Scripture, let’s pray that God will speak to each one of us.

Read. We will read through the passage two times and then discuss it, so listen carefully. Get two people to read **Mark 14:32-42.** **

Discuss these questions, one at a time, encouraging everyone who wants to respond to do so. Remind the group: Keep your answers based just on this passage.

1. What stands out or surprises you in this passage?
2. What does it show us about people and choices we can make?
 - What does their struggle to stay awake with Jesus show about the apostles?
3. What does this passage show us about God?
 - Many men have difficulty talking about their feelings. But Jesus told His disciples, “My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death.” What does that show about Him?
 - What does it show about Jesus that He wanted Peter, James, and John to be with Him?
 - What strikes you about the way Jesus prayed?
 - How else might Jesus have reacted when He found Peter, James, and John sleeping?
 - What does Jesus’ response show that He understood about human nature?
 - What is Jesus saying to you through this passage?

Obeying Jesus. As disciples of Jesus, we want to follow Jesus in whatever way He is leading us today. As we pray silently for 30 seconds, see if God speaks to your heart. Pray something like this:
“Lord Jesus, what do you want me to do with what You are showing me today?” [30 sec. silent prayer]

Remember to obey what God is saying to you. And this week ask God who He wants you to talk with about Jesus. Let’s close in prayer.

Closing Prayer.

Pray something like: “Lord, prepare the hearts of the people we will be sharing the Good News of Jesus with this week. And give us strength and joy as we follow You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

** If there are no new people, you can skip the “icebreaker.”*

*** Reading from different translations often helps.*