

**Getting to Know Each Other.**

Share light refreshments. Go around the group and introduce yourselves and talk through this question: *"When freezing weather is predicted, do you prepare well in advance or wait to see if it's really coming?"* \*

**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 14:43-52**. \*\*

**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 are some of the emotions the disciples may have felt when armed men suddenly showed up to arrest and take Jesus away?
  - In John's gospel (John 18:10) it tells us that it was Peter who cut off the man's ear. What does that show about Peter?
  - One of Jesus' followers chose to run away without his clothes rather than get arrested. What do you think that shows about him?
3. What does this passage show us about God?
  - How would you describe the way Jesus responded to Judas's betrayal?
  - If you were being betrayed, how do you think you might have responded to Judas?
  - How would you describe the difference between the way Jesus responded to this crisis and the way the disciples did?
  - Luke's gospel gives more detail about the man losing his ear. Someone read Luke 22:49-51. What does Jesus' act of healing a servant's ear in this moment show about Jesus?
  - What is Jesus saying to you through this passage of Scripture?

**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.