



Road to
RESURRECTION

**GROUP
DISCUSSION
GUIDE**

WEEK 2

Easter Series

CONNECT

- How do you respond to moments of intense stress or difficulty in your life?
- As the weather is getting warmer, what is something you are looking forward to this summer?
- What is something that most people do not know about you?

INTRODUCTION

This week we continue in the Gospel of Luke and are following Jesus and his disciples as he leads them to a greater understanding of his resurrection. Today, we will be looking at four different interactions Jesus has with his disciples as his crucifixion draws closer. The disciples all respond very differently to the coming

darkness and suffering, but Jesus will show them a better way – That he is the better way to how we respond to the moments of darkness in our own lives.

OBSERVATION

In this section, take time to grow in your own familiarity of the text.

READ

Luke 22:31-53

The Gospels are written in a narrative style and while it may seem simple it is a beneficial habit to take time to identify what the setting is, what the plot is, and who the characters are.

INITIAL QUESTIONS:

1. What are your initial observations?
2. What is the plot of this passage?
3. Who are the main characters?

INTERPRETATION

DISCUSS

As Jesus and the disciples draw closer to Jerusalem, the tension for everyone begins to ramp up, exposing how the disciples cope with the darkness ahead.

There are five different responses to the coming darkness.

1. Denial (v. 31-34) – Peter is in denial about the difficulty ahead which keeps him from asking for help from Jesus.
2. Misapplication of Scripture (v.35-38) – The disciples have a misunderstanding about who Jesus is and what he came to do causing them to use Scripture to gloss over the pain of the moment.

INTERPRETATION

3. Comfort (v. 39-46) – The disciples see the pain ahead and rather than walk through it with Jesus they chose to take a nap. Seeking comfort instead of seeking the Father.

4. The World (v. 47-48) – Judas was allured away from Jesus by the temptation of the world. He used the lies of the world to run away from the pain of the present moment.

5. The Sword (v. 49-53) – Rather than choosing the way of the Kingdom which is to love and pray for your enemies, the disciples turn to violence trying to protect themselves from sorrow.

When you experience hardship in your life to which coping mechanism are you most likely to turn?

APPLICATION

DISCUSS

In this passage, each of one of the disciples responds in their own way to the threat of losing their Savior. They can all sense that it is coming and when they do, their human nature kicks in. They are pushed to various coping mechanisms which are effective for a season, but in the end fail. Jesus, however, shows them a better way. He turns toward God and prays honestly about his emotions and circumstances. He walks with the Father through his agony. How does Jesus' way of walking through agony encourage you to walk through yours differently?

PRAYER

- Praise Jesus for willingly entering into suffering and death on our behalf.
- Ask God to give you faith to trust Him in the moments of darkness.
- Take time to pray for people in your own life who are walking through pain.

DISCIPLESHIP CHECK-IN

- Have you read your Bible and prayed consistently the past week?
- Who is one lost person you're praying would come to faith?



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