



Week 2

Community and Sorrow

Main Text: Matthew 26:36-46

Alternative Texts: Mark 14:32-41; Luke 22:39-46

Before You Begin: What is the longest you've ever gone without sleep? Why?

Discussion Questions:

1. We often see Jesus depicted in art as someone with perfectly white robes and flowing blond hair. Jeremy stated that sometimes these images cause us to forget that Jesus was not just fully God, but also fully human. How has the reality of Jesus' humanity affected your relationship with him?
2. **Read Matthew 26:38** aloud together. How important is community to Jesus? What do you think he is feeling now? How important is community to you when you are experiencing sorrow?
3. **Read Matthew 26:39-44** aloud together. What is Jesus praying for here? How does this make you feel?
4. What hangs in the balance of Jesus' prayer and humanity?
5. How do you think Jesus felt when he found his disciples asleep? How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus woke them? **Read Luke 22:39-46** for insight.
6. **Read Matthew 26:45-46** aloud together. Has Jesus' attitude changed? **Read Mark 14:32-41** — The phrase "enough" is used by Jesus here. What do you think it could mean?
7. Jeremy said, "Jesus in his humanity chose to die a terrible death so that you could have community with God." How does this reality change your thoughts on or affect your community with God?

Next Steps:

In what areas of your life do you need to be more intentional about engaging in community with God? In what areas are you asleep to his work in your life? What can this group do to help you awaken to the sacrifice that was made on your behalf?