

Small Group Study Notes

Mark 14:32-42

1. What do you think caused Jesus to say, “my soul is overwhelmed with sorrow”?
2. What actually was Jesus asking for in his prayer (v36)?
3. What does it mean for you to pray “not what I want but what you want”? When was the last time you sensed God’s will pulling you in a different direction to the way you wanted to go?
4. Read Hebrews 5:7. It says that Jesus was “heard”. In what way was Jesus prayer answered?
5. The cup that Jesus does not want to drink is the cup of God’s wrath (Jer 25:15-17 & 27-29 & Isaiah 51:17). What does it mean to drink this cup?
6. What sort of reasons would you suggest for the fact that when caught in a storm (4:37-38) Jesus sleeps as if there is nothing to worry about while the disciples are in a panic but here Jesus is anxious and stressed while the disciples sleep as if there is nothing to worry about?
7. Jesus had asked the disciples to keep watch with him. What do you think was meant by “keep watch” and why were they incapable of doing so?
8. The story line could quite easily move from verse 31 to verse 43. Why therefore have we been given the Gethsemane story and what would you say are the main points we are to take from it?