



Sermon Discussion Guide for I AM Worship Church

Garden Of Gethsemane

Pastor Mark Ogletree • Sunday, March 24th, 2024



We hope this material will continue to minister as the sermon was preached during our weekly worship service. When we receive God's Word at church, we need not only to hear the message, but we ought to walk it out in our daily lives. We should "be doers of the word, not only hearers." (James 1:22)

Step 1: GET TOGETHER with your family or group.

Step 2: REVIEW the key points and scriptures from the message.

Step 3: SHARE with your group what God is saying to you through the message.

Step 4: PRAY together, for each other and over each other to continue to walk this word out.

The Big Idea

The Garden of Gethsemane marks a pivotal moment in Jesus Christ's journey towards the cross, paralleling the significance of the Garden of Eden in human history. Just as Adam's disobedience brought sin into the world, Jesus' obedience in Gethsemane paved the way for salvation.

In this garden, Jesus grappled with the weight of suffering, sorrow, and submission to God's will, demonstrating the depth of his humanity and the extent of his sacrifice for humanity's redemption.

Don't Miss This Point!

At the heart of the Garden of Gethsemane narrative lies Jesus' profound prayer...

"Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine" (Luke 22:42).

This prayer underscores the importance of aligning our will with God's, even in the face of intense suffering. Jesus' example teaches us that sorrow and distress are not sinful in themselves, but rather opportunities for honest dialogue with God.

Another Great Point!

Solitude, not isolation, is the key to navigating times of trial.

Jesus sought solace in the garden, not to run from his problems, but to draw closer to the Father. Similarly, we are encouraged to resist the temptation to isolate ourselves during difficult seasons but instead run to God in prayer.

Submission to God's will is a recurring theme, as seen in Jesus' repeated prayers for God's plan to prevail over his own desires.

One Last Point!

Submission to God's will is not a sign of weakness but of strength. Jesus' unwavering commitment to fulfilling God's purpose, even unto death, demonstrates the power of surrender.



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Through prayer, we can align our will with God's, trusting in His ultimate plan for our lives. Strength is found in vulnerability before God, as we acknowledge our weaknesses and rely on His strength to sustain us.

Let's Be Doers!

As we reflect on the lessons from the Garden of Gethsemane, let us commit to:

- Embracing suffering as a means of growth and learning, knowing that God works all things for our good (Romans 8:28).
- Cultivating a prayer life characterized by honesty, humility, and submission to God's will, even when it challenges our own desires.
- Seeking solace in God's presence during times of trial, rather than isolating ourselves from supportive community.
- Recognizing that true strength comes from surrendering to God's plan, trusting in His wisdom and sovereignty over our lives.
- May we find courage and inspiration in the example of Jesus Christ, who endured the agony of Gethsemane for the sake of our redemption. Let us walk in obedience, knowing that God's plan is always greater than our own, and His grace is more than sufficient for every trial we face.