

Prayers That Shape Us



The Prayer of Surrender | Luke 22:39-46

1. Read the passage together again, slowly, twice. What do you feel as you hear this familiar story again? Share with one another.
2. Read the accounts in Matthew (Matt 26:36-46) and Mark (Mark 14: 32-42). What do the extra details in each of the three accounts have to teach us?
3. Read Psalm 75:8, Jeremiah 25:15-29 and Isaiah 51:17, 22. What does this add to our understanding of the 'cup' Jesus did not want to drink. What links can you make with the events to come for Jesus? How do we balance the wrath of God and his mercy?
4. This was not a quick 'arrow' prayer but a time of wrestling with God in prayer before coming to a point of surrender to God's will. Have you ever experienced that? Share with one another.
5. Have you any experiences of being unsure of God's will, or thinking you know but that it feels difficult or impossible? Share as much as you are able with one another.
6. Luke speaks about an angel strengthening Jesus. Have you ever experienced a time when you felt strengthened by God amid difficulties? How did it happen?
7. Where in the bible do you find stories of biblical characters needing to surrender to God's will, or other verses about surrender, for example to God's guidance/will, or as part of our worship and discipleship?
8. Spend some time praying for each other, particularly for any of the group who are facing a tough time or who feel this is particularly relevant to them at the moment.



What did you discover about God in this passage?
What did you discover about people in this passage?
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?
With whom will you share what you have learned?

