

Home Group Discussion Guide

Why Have You Come Friend? – Mark 14:43-50

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The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.

*The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.*

Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked, instead respond to the needs of your group. If you have new people in your group, take the opportunity to introduce each other and clarify any expectations that are present in your group (such as confidentiality).

GETTING STARTED

1. Have you ever been part of a project or team where you realized halfway through that everyone had a completely different idea of what the goal was? What happened?
2. Was there a particular detail in the story of the arrest (the kiss, the crowd, the sword) that stood out to you in a new way this week?

REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

Key Scripture: Mark 14:43-50; Matthew 26:48-50; Zechariah 13:7

Consider Mark 14:43-46

1. What are some of the motivations that you have been taught Judas had in betraying Jesus?
 - a. Why does Mark choose **not** to attribute any motivations to Judas?
2. One of the possible motivations of Judas was about trying to force Jesus into the image of the messiah that Judas had. What are some of the ways we try and force God into our own timeline or agenda?

Consider Mark 14:47-50

3. Jesus asks, "Am I leading a rebellion?" How does Jesus' refusal to fight back challenge our ideas of what "winning" looks like in the Kingdom of God?
4. Gavin noted that when Jesus refuses to be the Messiah we want, we have a choice: Resist Him or Receive Him. Why is "Resisting" (trying to change Him) often our default reaction?
5. What does it look like to receive the real Jesus, the one who is sacrificial, loves and calls us to a different kind of kingdom instead?

RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

1. In what area of your life right now are you most tempted to say, "Jesus, follow me," rather than "Jesus, I will follow You"?
2. What is one attribute of Jesus (e.g., His humility, His focus on the marginalized, His call to pick up a cross) that you find most challenging to "receive" right now?

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.

