

18 February 2024 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group
“Jesus’ Last Moments with His Disciples” -- Matthew 26:17-46

Questions to Answer from the Text:

1. What major announcement did Jesus make during the eating of the Passover meal (v. 20)?
2. Who was the one who would betray Jesus? How did Jesus identify His betrayer (vv. 23-25)?
3. What very important and significant practice did Jesus establish during the Passover meal (vv. 26-29)?
4. What two elements of the Passover meal did Jesus use to establish this new practice (vv. 26-27)?
5. What did Jesus and His disciples do just before they left the place where they observed the Passover? Where did they go? (v. 30)?
6. What distressing news did Jesus give to His disciples (v. 31)?
7. Which disciple declared to Jesus that he would never fall away and leave Him (v. 33)?
8. What did Jesus predict that this disciple would do on the same night (v. 34)?
9. Where did Jesus go to pray (v. 36)? What was Jesus’ state of mind as He began to engage in prayer (v. 37b)?
10. For what did Jesus pray (vv. 39, 42, 44)?

Questions to Ponder and Reflect upon the Teaching and Applications Based on the Text:

11. Why do you think Jesus did not specifically identify Judas to the other disciples as the one who would betray Him?
12. What does the fact that the Lord’s Supper was instituted during the last Passover meal indicate?
13. What is the relationship between the Lord’s Supper and the Covenant of Grace?
14. Do you think Judas participated in the inauguration of the Lord’s Supper?
15. At what future time will God’s people observe the covenant meal with Jesus physically present (see Revelation 19:6-10)?
16. How did Peter’s refusal to consider that he would fall away make him even more vulnerable and likely to fall? How does a similar attitude in our lives make us spiritually vulnerable?
17. What strikes you most about the fact that Jesus struggled in prayer over going to the cross?
18. How could Jesus struggle about going to the cross when He knew that was the reason for which He came into the world?

19. What do you think troubled Jesus most about the prospect of being crucified?
20. Why do you suppose Jesus wanted His disciples to be with Him in this struggle just before He was arrested and sent to the cross?