



Week 3: May 26 – June 1

Introduce Guests/Share Life: *How has this week been going? Good? Bad? Ugly? Things to celebrate?*

Open in Prayer: *Include any prayer needs that came up while you were sharing life together.*

Recall the Guidelines: *Ask: "What is the purpose of the guidelines?" Answer: To be relational!*

20min

Summer Season Preparation: *The Summer Season starts June 16th! We will still meet every week, but without a lesson guide. How will our group work together to build relationships & connect new people?*

2min

Retell Last Week's Story: John 8:2-11 (the woman caught in adultery).

5min

Hook Question: Can you recall a time when you felt very afraid? How did you respond?

5min

Ask someone from your team to read or tell the following background for the story:

Today's story takes place just before Jesus's crucifixion on the night of His arrest. Here's what we need to know before the story starts: Jesus knew He was about to be arrested and killed by crucifixion. He knew He would suffer terribly. He decided to spend His last supper with His closest disciples. During the meal, one of His disciples, Judas, got up and went to betray Jesus into the hands of His enemies. Jesus knew where Judas was going. He didn't stop him. It was His plan to die for our sins, so He let Judas go. After dinner, Jesus went on a walk and talked with His disciples. During that talk, Peter, one of His closest disciples, declared that he would never leave Jesus or deny Him! Jesus told Peter that he would deny knowing Him three times before the rooster crowed the next morning. They arrived at a garden. Jesus prayed and invited His disciples to pray with Him. The disciples fell asleep, but Jesus prayed in agony. He was in so much anguish that His sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. He knew what was about to happen. Did He trust His Father? Yes. Did He know the plan was good? Yes. Did He doubt God's faithfulness? Never. Jesus was perfect and sinless. He was also human. He experienced the emotions that you and I would experience if we knew that the road Jesus had to walk was the road we were about to walk. How would Jesus respond when it would be so easy for fear to creep in and take hold? Jesus responded with courage in the face of fear. He resolved to do what was right no matter the cost. Jesus is a courageous leader.

4min

Jesus woke His disciples up. His betrayer, Judas, was arriving in the garden. With this our story begins...

Tell the story from Luke 22:47-62: *Use different storytellers. Teach your group to share God's Word.*

Rebuild the story: *Group members retell the story based on what they remember.*

Read the story from Luke 22:47-62: *Ask the group to read these verses.*

10min

Discussion Questions: learn to talk about God's Word with others...

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| <p>Head
Questions:
Quicker
tempo.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How would you contrast the difference between Jesus and Peter in this story? • What do you like or dislike about this story? • What does this story teach us about people? (We are people. Find an "I" statement in your answer.) • What does this story teach us about God? (Remember, Jesus is God.) |
| <p>Heart & Hand
Questions:
Slow down &
wait!</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you think God is trying to show you right now? How do you need to change? • Who could retell the story for us right here one last time? |

Thank your storyteller for sharing the Word. Ask for a volunteer storyteller for next week. Close in prayer.