

Life Group Questions (Matthew 26:36-56)

- 1. Read Matthew 26:36-56 together. If you are feeling up to it, read the parallel passages in Mark 14:32-50 and Luke 22:39-53. What stands out to you from this passage? What questions come to mind?
- 2. Have you wrestled with the doctrine of the Trinity before? The definition given on Sunday was: "God eternally exists as 3 persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and each person is fully God and there is 1 God." Look up the following passages that show multiple persons in the Godhead:
 - Genesis 1:26 Isaiah 6:8
 - Genesis 3:22 Matthew 3:16-17
 - Genesis 11:7 Matthew 28:19
- 3. On Sunday, Pastor Andrew said "Many Christians don't think they are as sinful as they truly are, don't think God is as holy as he truly is, and that God has chosen an inappropriate penalty for sin." Do you agree with that statement? Why or why not?
- 4. Do you struggle with the idea of God's wrath and his intense hatred of sin? Why or why not? How do you balance God's love and God's justice? Do they go together?
- 5. Look up the following verses describing Jesus' work on the cross. Don't rush through and allow these words to sink in as we think about what happened as Jesus hung on the cross:
 - Romans 3:23-25
 Romans 5:9

 Hebrews 2:17
 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

 1 John 2:1-2
 2 Corinthians 5:21

 1 John 4:10
 Galatians 3:13-14
- 6. Spend some time praying. That you would feel the weight of your sin because of these passages and because of what Jesus had to go through, but also that you would feel the weight of God's love in sending his Son for you.