

## CTK Community Group Sermon Discussion Questions & Announcements

Week of 7/3/22

### DISCUSSION: [Mark 14:12-31](#)

(Discuss the question cluster below - as much or as little as works for your group)

\*Feel free to break off into smaller groups if it helps you share more personally\*

This week's passage focused on Jesus and how the events surrounding the Last Supper show a Jesus who came not to go around the pain of this world, but through it, to get to us. The sermon helped us see how the whole passage is like a small unfolding of what Jesus' deliverance of us from sin would look like - bitterness and pain, but also joy and hope. Pain and suffering were simply part of the path that led to our salvation, then. They are not what derails God's plan. Let's talk about how this Jesus changes the way we face our world.

- A. Do you tend to feel like you bother God when you ask him to help you with painful or difficult things?
  1. *What was different, helpful, challenging etc. about the idea that God is actually eager to meet you in your pain — that it's exactly why Jesus came?*
  2. *How might your prayer life look different if you didn't feel like you were bothering God with your life and your challenges?*
- B. What are some areas of life that are difficult, painful, challenging for you where you don't often look for God to help or be involved? (In other words, are there situations or relationships, etc. where you just don't feel like/think that God will be there or do anything?)
  1. *How would your approach to that person, situation, etc. change if you started looking for how God might be present in the midst of that?*
  2. *What help do you need from God to start trying to find him (and letting him find you) more often in that area of life?*
- C. Have you gone through anything in the past week or month where you were deeply frustrated, angry, sad, etc. and you didn't see God at all in that moment, but later on you saw even just a little bit of what he might be doing through that thing?

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Save the Date: On Sunday, July 24th, Pastor Travis will be officially installed as the senior pastor at Christ the King during the worship service. We'll have a guest preacher and members of the presbytery present at the service, with a light lunch to follow. Please be sure to join us!