

Liturgy for Sunday, March 21st

5: Opening Prayer

Open with prayer

25: Scripture Reading and Message Discussion

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:34-46

Reflection Questions:

- 1. Is there a thought that stuck out to you, or spoke to you, from this week's message?
- 2. How do you understand or think about 'God's will'?
- 3. What is the difference between the two illustrations of 'the pool'?
 - a. What are the significant differences of God the Father being 'against' the Son vs. God the Father and Jesus the Son joining together in Jesus' work to defeat death?
 - b. Does the thought of Jesus' sorrow in Gathsemene reflecting the sorrow of God the Father shape how you think of God in a different way?
- 4. Read 1 John 3:16-18.
 - a. Discuss the differences between the 'exceptional/Gathsemene' type prayers of following God's will and the daily acts of following God's will.
 - b. Why is it necessary to follow God's will in the small, daily acts before the more exceptional?
- 5. Are there any in your Home Church (or your life) who are discerning something more exceptional? How can you support them?

Practice for the week: Pray the Lord's prayer daily (even multiple times a day) - and be attentive to the small ways to be obedient to God's will.

Scripture Memory: This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. **17 If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? **18** Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. - 1 John 3:16-18