



# CURRICULUM GUIDE

Matthew Season 7: Death to Life  
Episode 1: The Last Supper and Gethsemane  
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2026 Fall trimester: 8/17–12/7      2027 - Spring: 1/4 - 5/17    Summer: 6/7 - 7/26    Fall: 8/23 - 12/6

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**THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN:** Download our app for [Apple](#) or [Android](#). Click the "Daily" icon at the bottom of the app for our daily Bible reading plan.

**Share Wins, Praises and Prayers:** Where did you see God move this week?

**Action Step Review: Last week's action step:** *Think about an area of your life where God hasn't done what you hoped He would do. Instead of asking, "God, when are You going to change this?" spend time praying, "Jesus, help me trust You and worship You even if this doesn't turn out the way I want."* How did God answer your prayers? What did you learn about God? About yourself?

**Memory Verse:** *Matthew 26:39*

**Sermon Text:** *Matthew 26:17-46; Revelation 19:6-9*

## Discussion Questions

**Leaders:** Please use the questions in the curriculum to facilitate discussion of the sermon and the Scriptures. **But there's no need to answer every question.** The goal is to get your group members talking more than you and to get them going deeper. **The answers in parentheses** are simply possible responses you can use after your group has shared their thoughts to help keep the discussion going. They are not intended to be the only or "correct" answers.

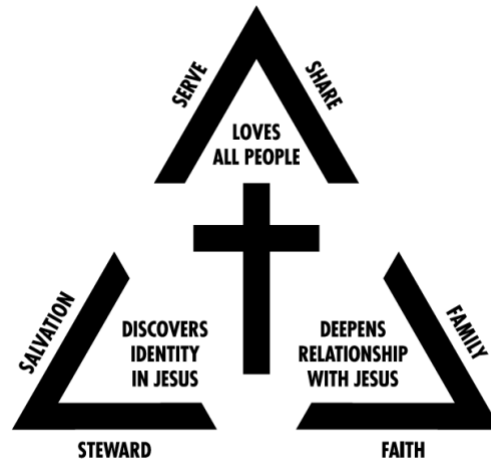
- **Read Matthew 26:17-46. What stood out to you this week in the sermon, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?**
- **Read Matthew 26:17-19. Share a time when you sensed God prompting you to obey something simple or inconvenient. What happened when you did (or didn't) follow through?**
- **Discover:** Read Matthew 26:21-25. Discuss the responses of the disciples to Jesus's prophesy. *(All but Judas responded, "Is it I, Lord?" They were still humble and in need of Jesus. We never graduate from being poor in spirit.)*  
**Deepen:** Share how you might have reacted if you were in the disciples' shoes. How might you react if this happened to you today? *(Any time we don't treat Jesus as our LORD and disobey or delay obedience we are sinning and betraying Him.)*
- **Jesus said the bread is His body, and the cup is His blood of the covenant poured out for the forgiveness of sins (See Matthew 26:26-28). How does regularly remembering this affect the way you view your own sin and God's grace?**
- **Jesus and the disciples sang a hymn together before they went on to their next step. What does this teach us about how and when we should worship God?** *(If Jesus needed to sing a song of worship to God to prepare for what He was called to do, how much more should we do the same as we follow Jesus?)*
- **Read Matthew 26:31-32. What does this show us about the character of Jesus?** *(Even though Jesus knew the disciples were about to be faithless, He is loyal, faithful and trustworthy. Jesus was willing to do whatever the Father asked. Jesus's love is steadfast and sacrificial. We are called to act like Him and be conformed to His image. See 2 Timothy 2:13.)*
- **Peter's pride led him to make a promise to Jesus he couldn't keep. What can we learn from Peter?** *(Pride can lead us to trust in our own strength and make promises to God we can't keep. We are called to be poor in spirit, recognizing our dependence on Jesus and trusting in His power rather than our own. When we fall into sin, we can repent, turn back to Jesus, and rest in His grace.)*
- **What are some reasons Jesus brought three friends to pray with Him in his time of tribulation in Gethsemane?** *(Jesus needed friends and prayer to prepare for what He knew was coming. Who are your "mat carriers"? If you don't have them, this disciple group is a good place to look for some.)*
- **Read Matthew 26:39-44. What can you do when God doesn't give you the answer you want?** *(Jesus continued praying even though the Father's answer didn't change. Follow the example of Jesus. Keep praying. Trust God. Do whatever God tells you to do. You have no idea what hangs in the balance.)*

**Action Step:** Text NEXT to 441122 and pray that Jesus will lead you to your next step in following Him.

## Your Discipleship Journey

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