



KNOWING GOD

JOHN 15-21

Week 6 John 18:1-14 - The Cup

Goal: That, having understood the nature of Jesus' death and his willingness to give himself for us, we would: be filled with gratitude to him; trust completely in his ability to save; and give ourselves in his service.

Read John 18:1-14



1. The passage starts with "When he had finished praying". Who has Jesus just been praying for and what has he prayed for them?



2. What do we learn about the garden? Why do you think John records these details (especially verse 2)?



3. Re-read verses 4-8a. What do you notice here? What is unusual about
 - a. Jesus' behaviour
 - b. The soldiers' behaviour



4. How do you make sense of the soldiers falling to the ground? What do these verses add to the weight of Jesus' words and what's happening in this moment?
 - a. Exodus 3:14
 - b. John 5:27-29
 - c. John 8:58



5. Re-read verses 8b-11. What insights do we get into Jesus' mind and intentions here?



6. What does "the cup" signify in the following verses? How do they help us understand what Jesus is saying here?
 - a. Isaiah 51:17-23
 - b. Jer 25:15-29, (49:12)
 - c. Psa 75 esp v8
 - d. Rev 14.9-11



7. Having considered who Jesus is, the nature of his death and how willingly giving himself to it, how do you think John wants us to be impacted by these things?



8. Consider again Jesus' words in v8-11. Compare this with Peter's behaviour. What does his behaviour reveal about his understanding of Jesus and of himself?



9. How might we fall into similar traps to Peter? What might it look like for us to
a. Take matters into our own hands instead of trusting Jesus? When might you be most prone to do this?
b. Act as though we know better than God?



10. In an age often marked by self-interest and self-preservation, how can we encourage each other to walk towards self sacrifice as Jesus did? What opportunities do you see for this at the moment?



Discussion Question



Context Question



Structure Question



Observation Question



Meaning Question



Application Question