



# First Baptist Church

day 1

## LUKE 22:24-30

### DWELL

Jesus was getting ready to submit Himself fully to His Father's will. He was preparing to go willingly to the cross where He would face shame, torture, death, and the weight of all of humanity's sin. But His apostles were still expecting Him to achieve an earthly, political victory and started to argue about which one of them was the greatest. They still didn't understand that sacrifice was an essential part of being in God's kingdom. They had missed the memo that they, too, should be practicing the kind of humility Jesus had modeled, not indulging in pridefulness.

↓ How did Jesus turn the idea of "greatness" upside down in these verses?

→ What are some ways that, in the coming week, you can practice the kind of self-sacrifice and service that Jesus was talking about?

### MEMORIZE

Read Luke 22:42 aloud with a classmate, friend, or family member each day this week. Afterward, try to recite a little more of it from memory each time.

### PRAY

Ask God to give you opportunities to serve those around you at school, at church, and at home this week.

day 2

## LUKE 22:31-38

### DWELL

Jesus predicted that even Peter, one of His most trusted friends, would claim to not know Jesus because he would be afraid of the consequences of being associated with his Lord and teacher. Just a few moments before, Jesus had seen the apostles let their pride get the better of them in an argument about which of them was the best. Their faith was still immature, and He knew that none of them were ready for the kind of submission and sacrifice that they would need to face in the future. They still had more to learn. But they would still need to be ready for trouble very soon, so He told them to prepare themselves.

← How did Peter and the apostles still misunderstand Jesus' words to them?

↪ What are some ways that you can prepare yourself for times in the future when life gets difficult and your faith is tested?

### MEMORIZE

Write Luke 22:42 in a prayer journal or on a note card or piece of paper, and look back on it each morning and evening.

### PRAY

Pray that God would give you courage to follow Him even when it requires sacrifice.

day 3

## LUKE 22:39-46

### DWELL

↑ What did Jesus mean when He asked His Father to "take this cup away from me" (v. 42)?

↪ How can Jesus' prayer in the garden serve as an example for your own prayers?

Remember, Jesus was fully God and fully human, and His prayer in the garden in these verses reminds us just how human He was. Even though He was fully God and knew the Father's plan, He still experienced extreme anxiety as the moment grew closer for Him to face the cross. He prayed for there to be another way. But He knew that God's plans would always be the best plans, and was willing to go through with this one if there were truly no other way.

### MEMORIZE

Record yourself reading Luke 22:42 aloud on your computer or phone, and pick a time each day to listen to it.

### PRAY

Read Jesus' prayer in verse 42 again, and put it into your own words as a prayer for the difficult things in your life.

day 4

## LUKE 22:47-53

### DWELL

Most of us have some experience of what it feels like to have a friend disappoint us or even betray us. But probably none of us have had the experience that Jesus did—one of His closest friends, one of the twelve apostles who had traveled with Jesus for three years, betrayed Him to a group of men who wanted to arrest and kill Him on false charges. Even though He already knew about Judas's plan (Luke 22:21), we can imagine the pain He still felt when His friend went through with it.

↑ Why did Jesus heal the servant after his ear had been cut off by one of the disciples? How did this action from the disciples show that they still didn't understand God's plan?

↔ What do Jesus' actions teach us about ways we can respond when people we're close to let us down?

### MEMORIZE

Draw a picture or make a collage that illustrates or symbolizes Luke 22:42, and place it somewhere you'll see it often. Write the verse somewhere in the picture.

### PRAY

Think of someone you know who has let you down or betrayed you, and ask God to forgive them, and to help you forgive them as well.

day 5

## ROMANS 12:1-3

### DWELL

Because of all that God has done for us, we should follow Jesus' example of humility and seek to live a life of service to God and others. Paul says that true worship means to be a "living sacrifice." As Christians, we should let the Holy Spirit change our hearts and our minds and teach us how to live differently than the rest of the world lives. We should also seek to live in a way where we don't try to be better than each other, like the apostles argued over (Luke 22:24), but where we recognize that we all have a unique part to play in God's kingdom.

↪ What does it mean to be a "living sacrifice," according to these verses?

→ What are some things you can do this week in order to experience the kind of transformation Paul is talking about?

### MEMORIZE

Make up a simple tune (or use the tune of a song you know) to go along with Luke 22:42. Sing it to yourself throughout the day.

### PRAY

Ask the Holy Spirit to renew your mind and help you see and understand God's will.