



Message: The Great Prayer

SERIES: Easter

STUDY GUIDE: SG Writing Team

April 13th-14th, 2019

Read: Matthew 26:36-46

- The prayer in the garden takes us to the place of Jesus' SORROW.
- Jesus our King was facing the PROBLEM of SIN.
- SIN produces SORROW.

Sorrow is hard because we often face it alone.

- Jesus was alone PHYSICALLY.
- Jesus was alone MENTALLY.
- Jesus was alone EMOTIONALLY.

Sorrow is hard because in it we discover there is no “plan B”

Sorrow is blessed when it defines our identity and loyalty.

Bottom Line: Prayer transforms a place of SORROW into a place of STRENGTH!

For those not yet living a Jesus-centered life

1. There is no plan “B” and plan “A” is Christ's cross of POWER and GLORY.

For those living a Jesus-centered life

2. Feel free to UNLOAD your DEEPEST DESIRES before God.
3. Let God take you to your “PRESSING PLACE”.
4. Live out of the DEEPEST LEVEL.

Discussion Questions:

1. How do you balance praying your deepest desires while at the same time praying God's will?
2. How can/do you actively praise God while being “pressed” by your Father?
3. Discuss which of the primary behavior drivers apply to you. How can this motivation be used to pull you away from praying God's will? How can it push you further into praying God's will if used properly?
4. Discuss the difference in praying for struggles and praying through struggles. And how does this shift our understanding on the importance and power of prayer?
5. What is an area of sorrow that you need to let God make a strength in your life?
6. Who are you willing to love enough that you are willing to go through sorrow for?

OPTIONAL Throughout the Week:

Monday: 2 Peter 1 **Tuesday:** 2 Peter 2 **Wednesday:** 2 Peter 3 **Thursday:** Jude **Friday:** Psalms 1