

Warmup

1. Matt shared a story about getting past his fear of the high dive when he was 11. He had made the climb and then it was a matter of just “letting go” and taking the jump. He called this “the Big Surrender”. Has there been a time like that in your life when you just “let go” and said “Here goes, I’m going to do it anyway.” Share these stories with the group.
2. Share a time when you experienced absolute trust.

Discussion

Read Mark 14:17-27

1. Jesus tells his disciples that the scriptures have predicted that all of them will fall away and be scattered. What is Peter’s response? What does his response reveal about him?
2. What is important about the fact that Peter compared himself with others? How do we tend to do the same?
3. v30 Jesus answers Peter directly telling him the truth about what will happen (and also the truth about Peter). What is Peter’s response to this second statement?
4. Matt referred to Jesus’ prayer in Gethsemane as a surrender to His Heavenly Father. One can certainly surrender to another out of fear. But Jesus calls the Father “Papa” or “Daddy”. This is clearly an expression of love.
 - a. How does love affect Jesus’ approach to the Father in His prayer? In His dealing with the terrible thing that is before Him?
 - b. Do you find yourself under pressure to “just accept what is before you without question and without struggle?” Have you been told “Struggling with God’s shows a lack of faith?”
 - c. What light does Jesus’ prayer in the garden shed on this idea?
5. What were the key differences between Peter and Jesus as each one was confronted with the truth of what was about to happen?
6. v36 In addition to love, what enables Jesus to surrender to His Father’s will?
 - a. Where do we find it easy to trust God?
 - b. Where do we find it more difficult?

Hitting the Road

In groups of 2 or 3

- a. What area of your life is still waiting to be surrendered to your “Heavenly Papa”?
- b. What are the things that make it difficult to surrender this?
- c. What steps might you take to begin to wrestle with this before God?
- d. Pray for one another.