

Vineyard Virtual study group

Questions Jesus Asked

8 week series - 4 week study group

VCC, 2020

Purpose of the group: To dig deeper into the weekend teaching, Apply God's word to our lives, Enjoy the community of God's church.

Process of the group: the group guidelines

People of the group: Introductions: Name, How long you've been part of Vineyard, one of your unusual quarantine coping skills.

Week 4 June 7, 2020

Speaker: BETH

Text: Are you asleep? Matthew 26:36-46

Addressing: spiritual fatigue, laziness

Describe a time when you fell asleep in spite of your best efforts to stay awake.

45 When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. **Luke 22**

Jesus' words seem harsh considering that the disciples were emotionally exhausted. What would explain the tone Jesus took with his disciples?

Jesus was not indifferent to their sorrow. He did have an urgency that they didn't have because he understood what they did not yet understand, he knew what all was at risk.

Luke 22 **31** "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. **32** But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

Luke 22 VS 40 he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." and **vs. 46** "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

Having learned his lesson, what attitude did Peter carry forward after denying Jesus 3 times?

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. **1 Peter 5:6**

What is a reasonable reaction to knowing that there is a real spiritual war raging around us with real consequences hanging in the balance?

Diligence for recognizing the enemy's efforts to harm us. Not casual about the spiritual battle.

10 Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, 11 in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes. **2 Corinthians 2**

It may be tempting to think that a lack of alertness is excused because the disciples were tired. Might we still be responsible for what things we let tire us out? There is an expression that says, “If the Devil can’t get you bad, he’ll get you busy.”

What things are energy stealers that try to keep you from seeking first the Kingdom of God?

Worry, personal ambition, unhealthy competition, working for acceptance by God and/or people, doing our own thing our own way.

What specifically does seeking first the kingdom of God look like in your life?