



LIFEGROUPS

Series: *Redeem*

Scripture: *Mark 14:32-52*

Date: April 6 & 7, 2019

Message: *The Loneliness of Redemption*

—[LET'S START]—

Let's have a little fun. Pastor Brian began his sermon by talking about some superheroes. Who were your heroes (real or fictional) when you were growing up? What did you admire about them?

—[LET'S TALK]—

1. **GRATITUDE AND PRAYER:** What happened last week for which you are thankful? What challenges do you see in your life? Your family? The World? As a group, take some time to pray. Thank God for the beautiful ways that He has been at work, and pray about the challenges that those in your group are currently facing.
2. Read Proverbs 27:17.

How has our LifeGroup been an iron sharpens iron type experience for you? What could we do to be better at being sharpening agents in each other's lives?
3. Read Mark 14:32-52.

What does this passage teach us about Jesus? What does it teach us about the disciples?
4. Why do you suppose it was so important to Jesus that His disciples would, "Stay here and keep watch?"
5. Is prayer an easy or a difficult thing for you? What are your prayer practices?
6. Why do you suppose solitude was so important to Jesus? Do you have a place where you get alone with God? Is solitude and easy or difficult discipline for you?
7. How do Jesus' words to the disciples in Mark 14:38 relate to us as modern day believers living in the 21st Century?
8. Look at verses 50-52. Take a few minutes to think about these verses. What do these verses in particular reveal to us about Jesus, the disciples, and the young man who fled?
9. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. Replace the words "us" and "we" with your own name. What does the reality of this verse in your life mean to you?

—[LET'S ACT]—

God created us all for community. And yet, on the night that He was betrayed, Jesus faced intense loneliness. He was abandoned by all of his disciples. He even felt the abandonment of the Father. Let's pray tonight for those who are feeling lonely. Do you have a neighbor who lives all alone? Do you know people from another part of the USA or even another part of the world who live in your neighborhood? Consider inviting them to share a meal at your home or a restaurant this week. Come back next time prepared to talk about who you shared a meal with.

—[SERMON REVIEW]—

- There is not a human alive who hasn't dealt with loneliness from time to time.
- There are two types of loneliness:
 - Social Loneliness – isolation from friends and family
 - Emotional Loneliness – when we don't have anyone with whom to share our deepest concerns
- We need relationships on two different levels:
 - Horizontal Friendships (Proverbs 27:17, Ecclesiasts 4:9-10)
 - Vertical Friendship (Proverbs 18:24, John 15:15)
- Jesus understands loneliness. He faced several types of loneliness in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14:32-52)
 - The Loneliness of Solitude (vs. 32)
 - Sometimes we need the discipline of solitude so that we can hear the voice of God.
 - The Loneliness of Spiritual Warfare (vs 33-34)
 - The Loneliness of Leadership (vs. 35)
 - The Loneliness of Silence (vs. 36)
 - The Loneliness of Disappointment (vs. 37-41)
 - The Loneliness of Betrayal (vs. 42-49)
 - The Loneliness of Abandonment (vs. 50-52)
 - Jesus was abandoned in his hour of greatest need so that you and I could be redeemed in our hour of greatest need. Jesus endured the loneliness of redemption so that you and I could be adopted as sons and daughters of God.

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