**Life Group Study Guide: Loved what you heard on Sunday? Want to go deeper? The life group study guide will help you unpack what you heard on Sunday, while diving deeper into God's word.**

**CONNECT:**

* What is the most expensive thing you have ever broken?

**DIGGING DEEPER:**

*Read Luke 9:22-26 and Luke 9:57-62.*

* Summarize what you read. What truths do you find about God from this passage?
* What does verse 22 tell us about brokenness? How did Jesus set the example for brokenness?
* What does it look like to take up your cross daily (v. 23)? How are you doing this day to day?
	+ When Jesus references the cross what would the disciples who heard these words have been thinking? How does their view of the cross differ from our current view of the cross?
* On Sunday, Pastor Jason made the point that we impress with our strengths, but we connect through our weaknesses. What do verses 25-26 say about this point? In what ways does our desire to impress lead to us loosing ourselves or being ashamed of the gospel?
	+ Jesus is asking us to choose him over everything. What does John 15:4-5 say about those who are not connected to Jesus?
	+ What does Philippians 4:13 say about those who are connected to Christ?
	+ Even though we know the difference, why can it be so difficult to choose Jesus and stay connected to him?
* Verses 57-62come under the title “The Cost of Following Jesus.” Do you find there is a cost to following Jesus today?
	+ What does Jesus say life looks like for those who follow him (v. 58)?
	+ What are the excuses the other two men give as to why they can’t follow Jesus right then and there (v. 59, 61)? What is Jesus’ response?
	+ What excuses do you have for not following Jesus “*right here right now*”? What do you think his response would be to you?

**DISCUSS:**

* In what ways has God used your brokenness to reach others? Are there any new ways that He is wanting to use you? What is getting in the way of you being “poured out” for the kingdom of God?
* Do any of the passages from this week’s bible reading plan connect to the study you just completed?

180-Day Guided Tour of the Bible

**Reading Plan for Week of March 18th**

**Day 111 –** Matthew 5: Inflammatory Word

**Day 112 –** Matthew 6: Sermon on the Mount

**Day 113 –** Matthew 13: Kingdom Tales

**Day 114 –** Mark 6: Contrast in Power

**Day 115 –** Luke 16: Of Two Worlds

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DANGEROUS PRAYERS

WEEK #2: BREAK ME | MARK 14

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**What is Biblical Brokenness?**

**A SURRENDER TO BECOME ALL THAT GOD CREATED ME TO BE.**

**Mark 14:3-9 (ESV)** *3And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. 4There were some who said to themselves indignantly, “Why was the ointment wasted like that? 5For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they scolded her. 6But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. 7For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. 8She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. 9And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.”*

**Mark 14:22-25 (ESV)** *22And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” 23And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. 24And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. 25Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”*

***Luke 22:19 (ESV)*** *19And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”*

**BROKENNESS IS A PREREQUISITE TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**Luke 22:24-30 (ESV)** *24 A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. 25And he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. 26 But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. 27 For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.*

**WE IMPRESS PEOPLE WITH OUR STRENGTHS, BUT WE CONNECT THROUGH OUR WEAKNESS.**

**GOD’S GREATEST BREAKINGS OFTEN LEAD TO**

**GOD’S GREATEST BLESSINGS.**

**Mark 14:32-36 (ESV)** *32And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” 33And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. 34And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death.**Remain here and watch.”**35And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. 36And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”*

**THE GOSPEL REACHES BROKEN PEOPLE THROUGH
BROKEN LIVES.**

PRAYER CHALLENGE:

1. **PRAY:** “GOD BREAK ME: NOT MY WILL BUT YOUR WILL BE DONE” EVERY DAY THIS WEEK
2. **FAITHFUL FOR FOUR:** COMMIT TO FAITHFULLY PRAY FOR FOUR PEOPLE OVER THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS TO INVITE TO EASTER AT WAVE.
3. **PRAYER WALK:** SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH AT WILLOW GROVE ELEMENTARY