COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

MAIN POINT

Jesus glorified God by wholly submiting to God's will and making the ultimate sacrifice of His own life to save ours.

INTRODUCTION

What is one of the nicest ways that someone has surprised you? Have you ever had a chance to repay him or her? Could you, if you wanted to?

Have you ever witnessed someone being ungrateful for a gift? How did it make you feel?

There has never been an act of kindness greater than Jesus laying down His life for our sins. In the moments leading up to and on the cross, Jesus willingly sacrificed Himself on our behalf. He gave us the gift of His own righteousness in exchange for our debt of sin. We can never repay this act of grace. The best we can do is live a life of joy on account of it, follow Jesus with all of our hearts, and let others know that the gift of eternal life can be theirs as well because of God's Son.

DISCUSSION

> READ MATTHEW 26:17-30.

Where in this passage did Matthew indicate that Jesus knew He was about to be betrayed and give up His life?

How did Jesus respond to that knowledge? What does Jesus's response to knowing He was about to be betrayed and die teach you about His mission on earth?

The Last Supper with Jesus and His disciples took place during the annual Passover celebration. How did Jesus give new meaning to the Passover celebration?

What is the significance of the bread? What is the significance of the cup?

As the disciples observed and listened to Jesus at the first Lord's Supper, what do you think might have been going through their minds?

How much do you think they understood when Jesus spoke about His body and blood?

This week we reflected on how many people spend the last 24 hours of their lives if they know they are going to die. How does this compare to the way Jesus spent His last hours before His death?

How does this reality point to the truth that Jesus came into the world to die and always had His eye towards that point in history?

APPLICATION

How can you use the story of the Last Supper and its elements to share Jesus with someone?