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Are You Asleep? – Mark 14:32-42

Discussion Points

March 21, 2021

Read/Reflect

1. Read Mark 14:32-42. Who do you sympathize with when you read this passage? What do you think the writer intends in retelling this story?
2. How much did the disciples know, and what were they thinking as Jesus led them into Gethsemane?

Explore

3. What was the challenge that Jesus faced, and what does that say about the nature of salvation?
4. What was the challenge that the disciples faced, and what does that say about the nature of discipleship?
5. Did God the Father answer Jesus' prayer? What are your expectations of prayer (that are either legitimate or not)?
6. What puts you to sleep, spiritually? With the reason you identified, what could change to awaken you?
 - Physical exhaustion
 - Struggling in my faith
 - Complacency or apathy
 - Worry, anxiety, conflict
 - All the good things in my life
 - Other: _____
7. How diligently would you say you "watch and pray?" What do you watch and pray for? What kind of changes could you make to follow more closely to your expectation?
8. When have you wrestled with God to discern his will? What was the process like of submitting to his will?

Pray

✝ A prayer from Eugene Peterson:

"The relationship that I have with you, Almighty God, means more to me than anything else. Let nothing this day diminish my trust or divert my obedience. In every test, keep me true, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*"

