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THE GOSPEL-CENTERED LIFE

THE AGONIZING KING
EPHESIANS 2:11-13 / LUKE 22:39-46

WEEK 7



**It is the struggle that obedience becomes
A true expression of worship and surrender.**

Who doesn't love a beautiful garden? They are extraordinary places. You would be hard-pressed to find someone who viewed gardens in a negative framework or with distaste. That's because gardens are filled with life. They produce things that are a benefit and blessing to human flourishing. They are a gift from God. Think Eden, or better yet, think the Garden of Gethsemane. There's an interesting juxtaposition of this idea of flourishing and the agonizing that Jesus endured in the garden. In fact, the most extraordinary flourishing created for the human soul was initiated in the Garden of Gethsemane. In a moment of agony, as Jesus willingly surrendered to the will of the Father and received the cup that had been prepared for Him, a series of events would fall into place to remedy human brokenness. It was all represented in the cup that He was, ultimately, willing to receive.

But what was the cup? What did Jesus agonize over, and what was He even repulsed by? What did He have to do so that the non-Jewish nations could be grafted into this beautiful work that God had been orchestrating for centuries? A work that was only suited for Him, the God-man? It was that He, the Holy One, would be made sin for the sake of sinful humanity and suffer sin punishment from the Father on our behalf, as though He were wicked. What an amazing King we have in King Jesus!

(10 min) OPENING PRAYER

Pray that God will permeate your time with His presence. Ask Him to give you spiritual insight and wisdom into the moment Jesus agonized over His soon suffering. Pray that God would ignite a deep appreciation within you for all that Jesus did.

(25 min) TIME TO CONSIDER

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through this week's lesson, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

1. Pastor Derek discussed the three prominent views concerning the nature of the cup Jesus referred to as He prayed to the Father. Some say the cup referred to the pain and the shame of the cross. Others that it referred to the disruption in relationship to the Father. And others, that He would be made to be sin and receive sin punishment on our behalf as though He was wicked. Discuss these three views. What do you think?

2 Corinthians 5:21 "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

2. Gethsemane means olive press. There are two key aspects to the symbolism of Jesus' agony in the Garden. First, He was under such tremendous pressure and stress that it produced anguish of spirit (like an olive being crushed under the weight of the millstone to produce oil). Second, through His work, He would graft the non-Jewish nations into this centuries-old work, extending the gospel to the whole world and causing Jews and Gentiles to be one in Christ. Share insights that you have as you consider this symbolism.

Isaiah 53:5-6 "But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

3. What is God speaking to you through Christ's agony in the Garden? How does this affect your view of sin and how you will treat sin in your life? What about obedience in surrendering to God's will?

Jesus was put to shame so that you would not have to be put to shame.

WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSES: **Romans 10:11** *For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."*



EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT TOGETHER: Spend time as a life group praying and discussing the key things that emerge from your discussion of this week's questions. Spend extended time in prayer, worshiping, confessing, and raising petitions to the Father in Jesus' name.

(5 min) LIVE IT

Be intentional about centering each day this week around the presence of Christ in your life. Begin each day in prayer and dedicate daily time to reading Scripture. Reflect deeply on Christ's agony in the Garden and how He humbly surrendered to the Father's will. Allow that to be the example you follow this week in surrendering to the Father's will for your life.

