

# **“Closer Walk” Bible Study**

## **Mining Matthew Chapter 26:36-56**

Purpose: To share lives around the Scripture and through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit make happy and unexpected discoveries that change our lives and bring us closer in our walk with Jesus.

Getting us started

1. What was the longest night of your life: Delivering your first child? Waiting up for your teenager? Making a major decision? Waiting for news?
2. How did your favorite adventure hero respond to danger?

Getting us into Scripture

3. What are the various emotions Jesus must have felt in Gethsemane? What does he ask of his disciples? What does he ask of God?
4. What is God's will (vv. 39, 42)?
5. What model for our prayers does Jesus provide here?
6. What kind of Messiah was the large, armed crowd expecting to arrest? Was the sword-wielding disciple's expectation essentially the same as theirs? Why or why not?
7. What does Jesus' response to Judas, the crowd and the disciple show about the type of Messiah he is?

Getting Scripture into us

8. What has been your “Gethsemane” – a place where you really wrestled with God? What was the issue? What do you learn from Jesus' example about praying at those times?
9. Who would you want to “watch and pray” with you next time you face a “Gethsemane”?
10. What do you appreciate most about Jesus' emotions in this story?
11. Knowing yourself, how would you have reacted if you had been with Jesus in this scene?
12. Have you ever kissed or showed affection to someone for the wrong reasons? Why?