



DISCIPLED

Following Jesus All the Way to the Cross

JOHN 13-17

Pastor PJ Berner • March 30, 2025

John 18:1-11 | The Master at Work: Learning to Trust the Brushstrokes that Hurt

Discussion Questions

Community Groups meet throughout the week and play a crucial role in our response to the preaching of the word. These groups gather to discuss the following questions as we seek to apply the sermon in community with one another. Please visit compassntx.org to join a small group near you.

1. Read **John 18:2-3**. Why would Jesus intentionally go to a place Judas knew so well at a time when Judas knew he would be heading there? What does that tell us about Jesus' commitment to the Father's will? What can you take away from that regarding your own submission to his will during trials and seasons of suffering?

2. Read **John 18:4-9**. Why do you think Jesus made sure that he was the first to speak in this altercation? What was Jesus doing in the text when it says he "came forward?" What general truth does this convey about how God cares for us during our trials and even in the face of spiritual warfare?

3. Read **John 18:10-11**. Though he didn't realize it at the time, what was Peter trying to do as it pertained to the will of the Father for the Son? How are you tempted to be like Peter when it comes to God's will for your life when you find yourself facing difficult stretches?

4. John is unique among the four gospels in that he includes the High Priestly Prayer of John 17 but excludes Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. We know that John was intentional about everything he included in his gospel (**John 20:30-31**), so why do you think he chose to omit such a significant moment as Jesus praying in the garden that the cup might pass from him?

Recommended Reading

- *The Invisible Hand: Do All Things Really Work for Good?* - R.C. Sproul
- *The Providence of God (Contours of Christian Theology)* - Paul Helm

- *Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts* - Jerry Bridges
- *The Gospel According to God: Rediscovering the Most Remarkable Chapter in the Old Testament* - John MacArthur

