



**Ice Breaker Questions:**

- What was your first vehicle? What was your favorite vehicle or dream car?

**Read Luke 22:39 – 23:49**

**You can't commit where you are not focused!**

Jesus was committed and focused on His mission. He lived in spite of dying. He knew why he had been sent to the world and what was going to happen to him yet stayed focused. Despite 4 specific setbacks, Jesus stayed committed to his mission.

**Angst-** While praying in the garden, Jesus reveals his sorrow, fear, and anguish for what he was about to endure. He prays that if there is any other way, that God would 'take the cup' from him.

**-What does this scene reveal about the character of Jesus?**

> There is a balance of Jesus Sovereignty (He was omniscient and *knew* what was about to happen) and his Humanity (He was fully human and would experience emotions similar to what we would feel in that situation).

**-In what ways can you relate to Jesus in this scenario?**

**Betrayal-** Judas, a man that had been with Jesus for 3 years, turns Jesus over to be arrested. He was betrayed by a man that was in his inner circle. Even during this betrayal, Jesus took time to teach and care for others.

**-How could the betrayal by Judas have been a distraction for Jesus?**

➤ Again, Jesus is all-knowing and was not surprised by what Judas did at this time. But it did not affect the way Jesus treated Judas for 3 years. He stayed focused and committed to his mission.

**-How would you treat someone if you knew they would betray you in the future?**

**Denial-** In the midst of Jesus' arrest and trial, another one of his closest followers denies that he knows Jesus.

**- Put yourself in Peter's position, how would you respond? Why do you think he denied Jesus so persistently?**

➤ This is not a time to make ourselves feel better than Peter or beat up on anyone, but think honestly of how you would reply. Are there areas in our lives when we are all tempted to deny Jesus?

**Injustice-** Jesus was proven innocent in court yet the people demanded that he be convicted and punished. Pilate 'washed his hands' of the ruling and put the sentence of death on the people's hands.

**-What of the 4 setbacks (Angst, Betrayal, Denial, Injustice) would see as the worst? Which would be most likely to make you lose focus?**

- Spend time allowing everyone to share their opinion and why. Explore why some personality types in the group would lean toward a certain setbacks over others. Also, spend some time to appreciate the focus of Jesus...that despite the setbacks, He was focused on fulfilling his mission and dying in the place of all of us!

**-How can we be challenged to stay on mission from the example of Jesus?**

**Prayer Time:**

-Pray for next week's Easter service! Invite your friends and neighbors to join us online and take part in our fun, family activities this coming week!