

LUKE 22

Read either before your small group or all together at the start.

- 1. Take a look at Luke 22:14-20. Reflect on the meaning of the communion meal that we share at church. In what ways might we be able to infuse an ordinary moment in our lives, maybe a meal or maybe something else, with the kind of Gospel significance that Jesus infused into the ordinary moment of eating bread and wine for his first followers?
- 2. Read Luke 22:24-27. Jesus taught that the kind of leadership we should seek is a servant leadership defined by acting like the "youngest" and being humble. How would you describe what it looks like to lead in that way? How can you serve like that and still be leading?
- 3. In v. 32, Jesus tells Peter that he had been praying for him specifically. How does it feel to you to consider that Jesus prays for you by name? Why do you think Jesus prayed that Peter's faith wouldn't fail rather than just praying that he wouldn't make the mistake? Chrissy said there was something hopeful about the fact that Jesus also prayed that when Peter came back he would strengthen his brothers. Do you find that a hopeful part of the prayer? Why/Why not? What does this little episode teach you about failures and mistakes?
- 4. In the devotion for Day 4 Chrissy asked how you cope when stress or crisis comes along. How would you answer that question? Is prayer a part of the way that you cope? In what ways do you pray that you find particularly helpful? Why do you think it's helpful? What could you do to increase your dependence on prayer in those challenging moments?
- 5. Read Luke 22:53. Jesus says here that darkness has its hour, but there's an implication in his words that it is only a moment where darkness reigns. We have all sorts of responses when we are in those dark moments. How do you usually respond when it feels like darkness is having a moment in your life? How did Jesus respond in his darkest moment? What can we learn from that about our own response? What is it about knowing the end of the story that could help us in those dark moments?