



WATCH AND PRAY

MATT. 26:31-46

GETTING STARTED

- Have you ever been betrayed before? Within a friendship? In a job? Talk about that experience and how it felt. What do you think causes us to deny Jesus?

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Before you begin: *Open with prayer and spend a minute or two in silence before God. Have multiple people ask the Holy Spirit to enter into your time together and illuminate your hearts and minds to scripture.*

- Have someone read the passage aloud and note any observations, questions, and exciting insights you found while reading through the text to share with the group. What jumped out at you? What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?
- Have someone read Zechariah 13:7. Why does Matthew link this passage in Zechariah to the story in Matthew?
- Peter so desperately wants to please Jesus, so much as even to deny his claim that he would "run away." Why does Matthew include this detail? What does this say about Peter and his discipleship?
- What stands out to you about Jesus's prayer? What does Jesus mean when he talks about the spirit being willing but the flesh is weak?

WRAPPING UP

- As we approach Easter, this week we reflect on Jesus's passion and his journey toward the cross. How are you taking the time this week to be mindful of what Jesus has done for us?
- Where do you specifically need prayer where your flesh is weak?