

DISCUSSION 1

The humanity of Jesus (v. 27)

1. Why was Jesus's soul troubled? If Jesus is God and all powerful, how is it that he was afraid?
2. Read Matthew 26:36-39. Jesus, despite being afraid, chose to trust the Father's will for his life. How can this comfort us when we are suffering?
3. Has there ever been a time in your life when you suffered? What are some things that helped you trust God during this time? If you are willing, share this experience with the group.

DISCUSSION 2

He must be lifted up (vv. 28-36)

1. Read verses 28-36. According to these verses, what are some things Jesus accomplished by dying on the cross? Explain their significance.
2. Read Daniel 7:13-14. What are some similarities between these two passages regarding the Son of Man?
3. Jesus's death was meant to reach the nations, that all people groups would come to him. How should this affect the way we view cross-cultural missions? What are some ways you can be involved in missions this year?

DISCUSSION 3

The unbelief of people (vv. 37-50)

1. Read verses 37-50. According to these verses, does seeing miracles guarantee that someone will believe in Jesus?

2. According to the passages quoted from Isaiah (12:38-40), why does anyone believe in Jesus? Is it a work of God or man? How should this affect evangelism?
3. According to verses 47-48, what will be the result of those who don't believe in Jesus? What can we do as believers to keep from falling into unbelief?

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Reread verses 32-33. Jesus will draw people to himself from all over the world. Take some time as a family to discuss global missions and why it is important.
2. What does it mean to not believe in something? What will happen to everyone who doesn't believe in Jesus?
3. Take some time as a family to discuss how to share the gospel effectively. Consider role-playing in order to ensure your family knows the basics of how to share the gospel.

APPLICATION

- Pray that God would open up a door for you to share the gospel with someone this week. As he does, be bold in obeying his lead. As a second step, consider going out with your Small Group this month to share your faith as a group with people you've never met.
- Ask the Lord how he might be calling you to be involved in Global Outreach, if you are not already. Pray about this and visit yourchurch.com/global to learn how you can get involved.
- Consider reading *A Holy Ambition* by John Piper to grow your understanding in global missions.