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Week 3 | March 7 Sermon

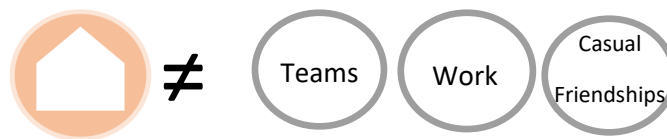
Gethsemane | John 18:1-14

Community:

To truly understand what it means to be real and to do it may take time, but we believe that when you do, God will use you and the story that He is writing with you to make great things happen. In these shorter-term sermon series groups, we don't have time set aside for each member to share their stories. But, we hope that as you build relationship, the sharing of your stories will happen.

You may be eager to let others know who you are...or the thought may fill you with anxiety.

The members of your group have chosen to be in community—a kind of community that's different.



Like you, they long for a community that spurs them into growth and a meaningful relationship with God and others. *Challenge yourself to be open and transparent. Let these people know who you really are.*

Overarching Lenten Application Questions:

What distractions will I reduce or remove from my life in order to heartfully, soulfully, and mindfully journey with Jesus to the cross in this Lenten season?

What specific steps/actions will I take to heartfully, soulfully, and mindfully journey with Jesus to the cross each day of this Lenten season?

How will I “deny myself and take up my cross” to follow Jesus to the cross this Lenten season?

Sanctuary Discussion Questions (Phil De Boef):

What four gardens were referenced in Phil’s message?

1. Eden (Genesis 2:8-9)
2. Gethsemane (John 18:1-11)
3. Garden Tomb (John 19:38-42)
4. Heaven (Revelation 22:1-5)

In the Freedom Curriculum that we use at Third, much emphasis is given to the two trees in the Garden of Eden. What are the two trees, and how do they still affect us today? Which tree seems to hold the most power in your life?

Today we took a sneak peek ahead to Mary’s encounter with the risen Lord. In that moment, intimacy with the Father was re-stored. What can you do during this Lenten season to enlarge your capacity for hearing the voice of our Savior?

Auditorium Discussion Questions (Klayton Korver):

Is there something in your life that you “freely chose” that has actually led to a feeling of captivity and being “less free”? Would you create space this week to allow Holy Spirit to bring it to your attention whatever that is, and would you give it to him? As you do, remember Romans 6:18 “You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness!”

Would you, for this week, “sacrifice” one good thing each day? If you already have, have you noticed anything different within you? Did it pave the way for an opportunity you would have missed?

Had you ever thought about how Jesus was the instigator in this story, not the victim? Does that change the story for you at all?