



# DIGGING DEEPER

Mt 26v31-46 – The Prediction and the Prayer

**PLEASE READ** – Matthew 26v30-46

## **GETTING STARTED**

What does v30 tell us about the conversation that's about to take place?

How do you think the disciples were feeling at this point?

### **1) THE PREDICTION (V31-35)**

Chat about the prediction in v31 and what it tells us about Jesus and the disciples...

Why is the promise (v32) that follows the prediction so important?

How do Peter and the other disciples respond to the prediction and the promise?  
What does this tell us about the state of their hearts?

What lessons do **we** need to learn?

## **2) THE PRAYER (V36-46)**

How was Jesus feeling as he prayed in v39? How do you know?

What is the cup that Jesus prays about? (See Isaiah 51v22)

Is his prayer answered? If so, in what way? (See v45-46) What lessons are there for us in terms of our understanding of prayer?

In these verses how is Jesus' attitude to prayer different to that of the disciples?

Why is prayer in this context SO important? (v41)

**Meditate on the words of Jesus below...**

**Mt 26v41:** "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."