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# MIDWEEK GUIDE

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## Session 1: Jesus and Peter

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1. How do the events of Holy Week remind you of God's faithfulness to us?

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2. What does it mean to be humble? What does it mean to be humble before God?

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3. At first, Peter did not understand Jesus' decision to wash the disciples' feet. Why is it sometimes hard for us to see the lessons that Jesus wants to teach us?

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4. Peter needed to grow in His understanding of why Jesus acted in the ways He did. Growing in our understanding of Jesus is crucial to our lives as His disciples. How are you working to grow in your understanding of Jesus?

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5. Have you ever been in a situation where you felt you should be humble, but didn't feel like it was authentic? Is it possible to learn humility? How have you learned to be humble?

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6. The video asks the question: Do I accept God's will and teachings before I understand what they mean, or after? Perhaps a better question would be, am I in a place to demand any explanations at all from God? How do I know when to seek understanding of His actions, and when to accept them with faith and patience? When God acts in our lives, is it necessary for us to always understand why?

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### Bible References

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John 13

## Session 2: Jesus and Mary

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1. How can we stay "tuned-in" to Jesus' teachings on a daily basis?

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2. Are you working to internalize Jesus' teachings? How are your actions evidence of what you have captured in your heart?

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3. Who has the greatest influence on your life? How difficult has it been for you to turn away from earthly influences in order to follow Jesus?

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4. The video says that Mary turned her understanding of Jesus' teachings into action. Can you think of a time you have done that, or do you usually do what others tell you to do? What does that tell you about the personal responsibility that Mary took for her faith?

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5. What has God's forgiveness rescued you from?

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6. What planning, preparation, and sacrifice can we make to intimately experience communion with the Lord?

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7. Martin Luther wrote in his first thesis notes that, "When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said 'Repent', He willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance." How can you make repentance a daily practice?

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### Bible References

Mark 14:1-9

John 12:4-8

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## Session 3: Jesus and Pontius Pilate

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1. What lessons have you learned from the trials of Jesus?

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2. Have you ever been wrongly accused at any time in your life? Perhaps by a sibling when you were a child. How did you react?

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3. What is the difference between responding to a situation with human wisdom versus responding with godly wisdom?

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4. How can you grow in godly wisdom?

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5. What is the “bigger picture” that you focus on when injustice or distress are present in your life? How can you seize the opportunity to fulfill God’s will in these moments?

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6. Have you ever considered that your silence could contain more wisdom than a verbal response could?

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7. It’s in our human nature to justify ourselves when faced with unfairness. Jesus overcame this. How can we control this disposition, and rather, see what God’s will is in that moment?

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8. PERSONAL TAKE-HOME: Arm yourself with the answers to these questions, which you can turn to in moments of injustice: Who does my Heavenly Father say I am? What purpose has He given me? What promises has He placed in my heart?

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### Bible References

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Luke 22:70-71

John 18:33-38

John 19:8-11