

Living in the Shadow of the Cross

John 18:1-11

Living in a Shadow

1. Jesus' _____

Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. -John 18:2

As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

"What you are about to do, do quickly," Jesus told him. -John 13:27

2. Jesus' _____

When Jesus said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. -John 18:6

"Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" -John 8:58

3. Jesus' _____

Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?" -John 18:11

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. -John 3:14-15

Living in the _____ of the _____

Cross ___ Plan ___ Eternal ___ Shadow ___ Sword ___

Walking with Jesus: Living in the Shadow of the Cross Small Group Study Questions

Small Group Study Questions:

Ice Breaker: In your family growing up did you feel like you were more living in someone's shadow or casting a shadow for others to walk in?

READ: John 18:1-11

1. Why do you think Jesus took the disciples to a place that Judas would know? (vs. 1-3)

2. Read vs. 5. Why do you think John included the parenthetical statement (and Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) at this point in the narrative?

3. Read vs. 6. Place yourself in the shoes of one of the soldiers accompanying Judas. What are you thinking and feeling?

4. Put yourself in Peter's shoes? What are you thinking and feeling?

5. To what is Jesus referring when he speaks of drinking the cup the Father has given him?

6. Jesus lived his whole life in the shadow of the cross – intentionally making choices that led to his eventual arrest and crucifixion. What difference does living in the shadow of the cross make for your daily life?