

Message Notes 10/26/25

What Matters Most - Week 5

We are a church that prays

Prayer

We do anything short of sin to reach people for Jesus

Courage

We make it easy for people to connect

Belonging

We are a community of contributors, not consumers

Engagement

We each invest in one

Multiply

We give up our preference for the sake of mission

Sacrifice

- When God's mission for you and your preferences clash—who wins?
- Easy/familiar overstretching/uncomfortable.
- Schedule over being interruptible

- Convenience over calling
- Control over surrender
- Personal taste over mission
- Sometimes the thing **holding** us back from **God's mission** isn't **sin**, it's **preference**.
- Matthew 26:36-46 (NLT)
- Plot to Kill Jesus – Matthew 26:1-5
- Woman at Bethany - Matthew 26:6-13
- Judas' Betrayal – Matthew 26:14-16
- The Last Supper – Matthew 17-30
- Matthew 26:36-37 (NLT) Then Jesus went with them to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and he said, "Sit here while I go over there to pray." He took Peter and Zebedee's two sons, James and John, and he became **anguished** and **distressed**. He told them, "My **soul** is **crushed** with grief to the point of death.
- Matthew 26:37-39(NLT) Stay here and keep watch with me." He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, "My Father! If it is possible, let this **cup** of suffering be **taken away** from me.
- **Sacrifice** is **hard**, and it is **okay** to ask God for something **different**.
- Matthew 26:39 (NLT) Yet I want your will to be done, not mine."

- John 12: 27-28 (NLT) “Now my soul is deeply troubled. Should I pray, ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But this is the very reason I came! Father, bring glory to your name.” Then a voice spoke from heaven, saying, “I have already brought glory to my name, and I will do so again.”
- John 17:1-4 (NLT) ... Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so he can give glory back to you.....I brought glory to you here on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.
- Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT) Therefore, **go** and **make disciples** of all the nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Teach** these new disciples to **obey** all the commands **I have given** you.
- Matthew 26:40-41 (NLT) Then he returned to the disciples and found them asleep. He said to Peter, “Couldn’t you watch with me even one hour? Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!”
- Matthew 26:42 (NLT) Then Jesus left them a **second time** and prayed, “My Father! If this cup cannot be taken away unless I drink it, your will be done.”
- Matthew 26:43-44 (NLT) When he returned to them again, he found them sleeping, for they couldn’t keep their eyes open. So he went to pray a third time, saying the same things again.
- It’s **human** not to want to **sacrifice**
- Matthew 26:45-46 (NLT) Then he came to the disciples and said, “Go ahead and sleep. Have your rest. But look—the time has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Up, let’s be going. Look, my betrayer is here!”
- **Jesus** was willing to submit to **mission** over **preference**.

Is your **preference holding back God’s **mission** for you?**

