

Terms:

- Forgive
- Trespass
- Debt
- Vengeance
- Compassion
- Temptation
- Test

Small Group Time

- Check In: Hi's/Lo's
- Small Group Business:
 - Prayer Requests—take time to pray for your enemies:

Memory Check: Because He rose from the dead, what has He promised me?

John 11:25-26 "I am the _____ and the _____. He who _____ will _____, even though he _____; and whoever _____ and _____ in _____ will _____."

Small Group Bible Time:

- Read and highlight the following:
 - Matthew 5:44 Write "Tall Order" in the margin
 - Psalm 103:12 Write "God forgives" in the margin
 - What do the following have to do with the 6th petition?
 - Romans 5:3-4
 - I Peter 1:6-7

Small Group Thought Time:

- Why is it so fun to carry a grudge?
- Why do you think Jesus included the line, "as we forgive those who trespass against us?"
- Abe Lincoln once said: "The best way to get rid of an enemy is to make him your friend." What did he mean by that? Do you have any experience making enemies into friends?

- What are the toughest temptations young people at your school face? Rank them in order from most to least tempting:

_____sexual temptation _____alcohol _____drugs
_____shoplifting _____lying _____cheating
_____violent acts _____putting others down
_____popularity at the expense of others

- Pretend you are an advice columnist. Take the top three temptations and give three suggestions on how to avoid giving in to them.
- Martin Luther said, “You cant’ stop the crows from flying overhead, but you can keep them from making a nest in your h air.” What do you think he meant by this?
- Why do Christians make such a big deal about sin if we’re forgiven anyway? See Romans 6:20-23 for help.

Homework/ Family Time

Catechism Questions:

- What do we confess when we pray this petition? (Q223)

- What do we ask for in this petition? (Q224)

- What does God want us to do for those who sin against us? (Q226)
- Why does God test our faith? (Q228a)

- Why does Satan tempt us? (Q228b)

- Into what kinds of evil do our spiritual enemies try to mislead us? (Q229)

- What do we ask God to do for us when we pray the 6th petition? (Q230)

Memory:

- Ephesians 4:32: *Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*
- I Peter 5:8-9: *Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith.*

Daily Readings:

Day 1: The day is Maundy Thursday (mandate Thursday---Jesus gives his disciples a new mandate, and a new Passover)

- Matthew 26:17-19. Where did they go to celebrate the Passover meal?
- Matthew 26:20-22. These 13 men had shared 3 years of experiences together---watched hundreds of miracles, listened to the God of the Universe teach them....How do you think they felt when Jesus said one of them would betray him?
- Matthew 26:23-25. What do you think all the disciples felt now? Shock? Fear? Hopelessness? Why?
- Jesus now begins to institute the Lord's Supper. Do you think Judas was still in the room? (answer is in John 13:26-30)

Day 2:

- Matthew 26:26. When we eat the Lord's Supper, we are actually participating in the very body of the Lord Jesus. It is not merely a symbol. What words show this?
- Matthew 26:27-28. Likewise, when we take communion wine we are participating in the very blood of Jesus—not a symbol. What words show this?
- Matthew 26:30 Where did they go after they were done with the meal?

Day 3

- Matthew 26:31. Jesus predicts they will all leave him. How does this fulfill another prophecy about the Messiah?
- Matthew 26:32. He already told them he would be crucified. What does he tell them now?
- Matthew 26:33-35. What does Jesus predict about Peter?
- What does Peter think of the prediction?

Day 4:

- Matthew 26: 36-38. Think of the sins that you have committed, and then those of your family, and then those of the people at your school, city, state, country, all those living today, all those that have ever lived, all those that are yet to be born....Jesus took all of that sin AS HIS OWN to the cross----how was he feeling? Why?
- What did he ask his friends to do for him?
- Matthew 26:39. What was his prayer?
- Matthew 26:40-41. What support did he get from his best friends in time of his trouble?
- Matthew 26:42-46. How do you think he found the strength to go through with it: Let those he created and loved with an everlasting love, torture and kill him?

Day 5

- Matthew 26:47-49. What do you think about Judas' method of betrayal? Why?
- Matthew 26:50. What does Jesus call Judas?
- How do you think Judas felt?
- Matthew 26:51. We find out in other gospels that Peter is the one that cuts the soldier's ear off. What does Jesus do that Matthew does not tell us about? (Luke 22:51)
- If you were a soldier and just witnessed this---how do you feel about Jesus?
- Matthew 26:52-53. The Romans think that they are in control of the situation because they have the weapons and the power. Who is really in control of this situation?
- Matthew 26: 55-56. A crowd had gathered to witness this. What does Jesus say to them?
- When Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane, and was being wrongly arrested, he let it all happen because he was thinking of YOU! YOU specifically! He would have done it all if YOU were the only sinner who ever lived! He went to the cross to pay the price for your sins, so that you could be with him forever in eternity! Say a prayer right now to thank God for His amazing sacrifice!

Signed: _____
 Youth Parent Date