

### **SMALL GROUP GUIDE**

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Twenty-Four Hours: "I Am He" Scripture Focus: John 18:1-28

#### **ICEBREAKER**

If you had only 24 hours to do anything you wanted, what would you do and why?

Have you ever had a moment where you knew you needed to step forward, even if it cost you something? What happened?

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#### INTRODUCTION

This week's message focused on the final 24 hours before the crucifixion, beginning with Jesus' betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane. We reflected on Jesus' sacrificial love, how He willingly stepped forward, and the unjust treatment He endured for our sake. Through it all, Jesus remained obedient and lovingeven toward those who failed Him.

What stood out to you from Pastor David's message this week?

#### **INTO THE WORD**

Read John 18:1-11, Matthew 26:36-46, and John 15:13. How does Jesus demonstrate love by going the distance, even when He knows betrayal is coming?

Read John 18:4-6, Exodus 3:13-14, and Philippians 2:6-11. Why is Jesus' use of "I Am" significant, and what does this show us about His identity and authority?

Read John 18:12-14, 19-24, and Deuteronomy 16:19. What do we learn about Jesus' response to injustice, and how might we follow His example when we are wronged?

Read John 18:15-18, 25-27, and Luke 22:60-62. What stands out to you about Peter's denial? How does Jesus' love continue even for those who fail Him?

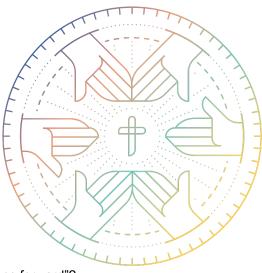
Read John 18:28, Romans 8:38-39, and Psalm 139:7-10. What does it mean that God is never far from us, even when we feel far from Him?

#### **APPLICATION**

Where do you need to trust Jesus more fully instead of trying harder?



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- Who in your life needs to know the kind of love that "steps forward"?
- Is there an area where you've failed and need to receive the restoration Jesus offers? •

# **EMBRACE AND EMBODY**

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In seeking God daily, we don't just admire Jesus—we abide in Him. This passage shows that abiding isn't about perfection but about trust. Jesus empowers us through His Spirit to obey with courage, love without limits, and trust even when life feels unjust. To embrace and embody His love means we step into a life of bold obedience and faithful presence, even in difficulty.

## **GROUP PRAYER PRACTICE**

Invite the group to pray around these three ideas:

- 1. Adoration: Thank Jesus for His sacrificial love and bold obedience.
- 2. Confession: Acknowledge areas where we've failed, like Peter, and ask for restoration.
- 3. Commitment: Ask for the courage to step forward in love, just as Jesus did. This could be inviting someone to church, offering to pray for a friend, stepping up to serve etc.