

Luke 22:24-27; 39-46; 47-48; 54-62

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The ambitious

The distracted

The conflicted

The fearful

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## Overview

It is now the final night of Jesus' life. The religious leaders' hostility towards Jesus is at a high, and the Passover Feast is approaching. They wanted to kill Jesus but were afraid to do so because of the people. Luke 22 gives us four stories which show how the disciples were responding to the increasing hostility to Jesus and the related difficulties. In their responses, we also see some of their darkest moments.

## Engaging with each other

1. What are some of the special meals that you share with your family? What is the occasion for the meals?

# Engaging with the Bible

1. Each of these stories in Luke shows the disciples response to Jesus being in the cross hairs of the religious leaders. For each story give a summary of why you think they responded the way they did.

Luke 22:24-27

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Luke 22:47-48

#### Luke 22:54-62

- 2. Why do you think they struggled in these times of intense testing?
- 3. Even knowing how the evening would end, Jesus also gives the disciples this beautiful encouragement in Luke 22:28-30. What does this ultimately say about the disciple's failures and betrayals? What does it say to us?

### **Engaging with our lives**

- 1. Which of the disciples or incidents do you most closely identify with? Why?
- 2. When you face a situation where you are challenged to speak up for your faith, what thoughts and emotions do you experience? What do you think are the sources of these?
- 3. What are some things that can help you become stronger when facing these challenges?