



## Connect Group study

### John 18

In this study, we'll look at how Jesus responded when He knew His Father's will was going to mean great pain and difficulty for Him. We'll then look at what it means to surrender our lives completely to God.

Have you ever made a decision which was extremely painful, but you knew it was right? Briefly share your experience if you are able.

**Read** John 18:1, Matthew 26:36-46

### Reflect

Q1. According to these verses, how was Jesus feeling as He entered Gethsemane? In your own words try and describe the depth of His emotion.

Q2. Why was He feeling this way? Consider all of the reasons.

Q3. In light of how Jesus was feeling, consider what He says in verse 39. What is the essence of what He says and what does it reveal about His relationship with the Father?

Q4. Famous athlete and missionary Eric Liddell's last words were "It's complete surrender." What do you think he meant?

Q5. How do you think believers can live a life of "complete surrender" – following God's will even when it hurts?

### Respond

Q6. What are the most common areas of life that you think we can 'hold back' from God – ie. the areas that we sometimes aren't prepared to 'surrender'?

Q7. Are there any areas of your life that you feel you personally need to surrender more to God?

Pray into these areas. Pray that each of you would have courage and willingness to trust God and surrender everything to Him.

### Key verse(s)

Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.'  
(Matthew 26:39 NIV)