

AM I SOME DANGEROUS REVOLUTIONARY?

Mark 14:43-52 (NLT)

⁴³ And immediately, even as Jesus said this, Judas, one of the twelve disciples, arrived with a crowd of men armed with swords and clubs. They had been sent by the leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the elders. ⁴⁴ The traitor, Judas, had given them a prearranged signal: "You will know which one to arrest when I greet him with a kiss. Then you can take him away under guard." ⁴⁵ As soon as they arrived, Judas walked up to Jesus. "Rabbi!" he exclaimed, and gave him the kiss.

⁴⁶ Then the others grabbed Jesus and arrested him. ⁴⁷ But one of the men with Jesus pulled out his sword and struck the high priest's slave, slashing off his ear.

⁴⁸ Jesus asked them, "**Am I some dangerous revolutionary**, that you come with swords and clubs to arrest me? ⁴⁹ Why didn't you arrest me in the Temple? I was there among you teaching every day. But these things are happening to fulfill what the Scriptures say about me."

⁵⁰ Then all his disciples deserted him and ran away. ⁵¹ One young man following behind was clothed only in a long linen shirt. When the mob tried to grab him, ⁵² he slipped out of his shirt and ran away naked.

MESSAGE NOTES

INTRO: *Exploding Expectations*

HOW TO NAVIGATE MINISTRY AND LIFE TRANSITIONS WELL (Mark 14:43-52)

- 1. PRAYER: Immerse Everything in Prayer Before Launching Out.** (v.32-42)
- 2. PAIN: Expect Opposition.** (v.43-46)
- 3. PURPOSE: Keep Everyone's Eyes on the Mission.** (v.47)
- 4. PROCLAIM: Speak Truth, Even When People Aren't Listening.** (v.48-49)
- 5. PERSPECTIVE: Lasting Discipleship Movements Often Begin Among the Broken & Humble.** (v.50-52)

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Sin, temptation, or spiritual attacks often come during vulnerable, lonely night hours. When has this been true for you?
2. What impresses you about the way Jesus reacts to Judas' betrayal and the mob in the garden?
3. What spiritual endeavor has God led you to begin and how are you handling spiritual opposition?
4. What do you imagine the next few months and years will be like for Journey as it prepares to follow a new path for fulfilling its mission? What warnings and counsel do you believe the Lord wants us to follow as we navigate these new waters?
5. What is the church's mission (hint: Love God, Love People, Make Disciples) and how can you participate in it?
6. If you haven't been trained in disciplinemaking, seek out someone who is and ask them to mentor you.