



Thy **Will**
Be **Done**

Sunday Week 2
March 12, 2017

Discuss one or more of the following with a friend or family member.

If you had two wishes, what would you wish for?

Have you ever wanted something that you later learned was not good for you? Talk about why you wanted it and why it was not good for you.

Talk about a time when you had to trust someone else and their plan. Who was it? What happened? Did you find it easy or difficult to depend on them?

Talk about one or more of the following with someone who can point you back to Jesus and His love for you.

Do you know any atheists? What is their view of religion or faith or God? What part of their position seems most legitimate to you?

Imagine someone telling you that religion is dangerous and religious people are a major cause of suffering in the world. What would your knee-jerk response be? How else might you respond? Imagine a few different ways you could respond and what might happen next.

Jesus actually asked the Father to change the plan, to remove the cup of suffering, to avoid the cross. But Jesus submitted His own will to the saving will of the Father. Discuss the comfort and the challenge that comes from Jesus' prayer, "Nevertheless, let Your will be done."

"Not as I will, but as you will." Matthew 26:39

How, Lord? How did You submit to the Father's will like that? Within hours, You would be beaten, mocked, and tortured; slowly, painfully, wrongfully executed. Jesus, how did You face this soul torment alone? Faithful Friend, do not leave me in my hour of need.

Be present in the midst of my temptation. Strengthen my flailing trust. Empower my weak resolve. Let me lean on Your prayer in the garden and teach me more and more to pray: not as I will, but as You will. Amen.