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**God is Redeemer: a work in progress**

*Hebrews 11:39*

**Starter:**

Describe a time in your life when things didn't go how you had planned. How did you respond?

Describe a time when your faith, or that of someone close to you, was challenged.

**Deeper:**

Read Mark 14:32-42 and Luke 22:39-46. Describe the circumstances that are giving Jesus such sorrow. What kinds of temptations will the disciples face immediately and down the road?

Read Zechariah 14:1-9. Describe in your own words what is predicted in this passage. Jesus probably knew this prophecy well. Did it make things easier on him? Explain. Read Revelation 7:9-14. Describe the hope that comes from this passage despite our current circumstances.

**Application:**

As a group, identify areas in your life where things are not going how you would like them. Discuss how you can rally around each other and draw on the Holy Spirit for comfort.

Spend time praying together that you will have the courage and desire to stand firm and not lose hope. Take time to confess any fears, hypocrisy or habitual sin in your life that is hindering your relationship with Jesus. Ask God for the ability to persevere in the face of suffering. Pray Hebrews 12:1-3.