

Obedience is Costly Discussion Questions

1. When you hear the phrase “**obedience to God can be costly**,” what examples come to mind from your own life or from people you know?
2. In Luke 22:39, Jesus goes to the Mount of Olives “**as was his custom**.” What does this tell us about the role of spiritual habits (like prayer) in preparing for difficult moments?
3. Jesus tells the disciples to **pray so they would not enter into temptation** (v.40). Why do you think suffering and hardship often create spiritual temptations?
4. Jesus prayed honestly: “*Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me.*” What does this teach us about bringing our real emotions and fears to God?
5. Jesus ultimately says, “**Not my will, but yours, be done.**” What makes surrendering our will to God difficult, especially when the outcome is painful?
6. Verse 43 shows that God **strengthened Jesus but did not remove the suffering**. How have you seen God give strength in a difficult season rather than removing the situation?
7. The disciples responded to sorrow by **sleeping**, while Jesus responded by **praying more earnestly**. Why do you think people often withdraw spiritually during painful seasons?
8. The sermon emphasized that **pain does not mean God has abandoned you**. Why is it easy to believe the opposite when life becomes difficult?
9. How does knowing that **Jesus understands costly obedience from the inside** change the way we think about our own suffering and struggles?
10. The big idea says, “**Obedience doesn’t always feel victorious—but it is always purposeful.**” How might believing that truth change the way you respond to a hard situation right now?