Small Group Questions for the Week of November 22, 2026

1. Can you think of a time when someone warned you about something, but you didn't take the warning seriously? What happened, and what did you learn from the experience?

2. As we wrap up the Olivet Discourse, let's look back at the four parables Jesus shared. What were they, and what was the key spiritual lesson from each one? Which lesson has challenged or encouraged you the most? Which do you think Christians here in California need to hear most today?

Read Matthew 26:30-56

3. Throughout this series, we've followed Jesus and His disciples through several significant locations. Which places stood out to you, and how does understanding where these events took place deepen your perspective on the final days of Jesus' life?

4. As we look at the disciples' failure in the garden, what stands out to you most? Were you surprised by anything about their response to Jesus in this moment?

5. Why is it important for us to understand the disciples' failures? How can their experiences help us recognize our own weaknesses and grow as followers of Jesus?

6. Even in the midst of the disciples' failure, God was at work. What hope or redemption do you see coming out of their failure? How does this encourage you when you think about your own failures?

7. As we consider Jesus' experience in the garden, what stands out to you most about His obedience, faithfulness, and victory?

8. How can Jesus' victory in the garden strengthen us when we're facing temptation, fear, pressure, or difficult circumstances of our own?