



Shall I Not Drink from the Cup? March 29, 2026

Read John 18:10–11

In Gethsemane, Jesus prayed for the cup to pass from Him, yet submitted to the Father's will. What did Jesus mean by "the cup the Father has given me," and why is it important that He chose to drink it? What does this show us about the cost of our salvation and the obedience of Christ?

Read Matthew 26:36–39

The sermon stressed that we must understand the "bad news" to appreciate the good news. Why do people often resist talking about God's wrath, sin, and hell?

Read Matthew 10:28, Matthew 25:46 and Mark 9:48

"Hell is not for the extremely wicked; hell is for the unconverted." How does that challenge the common belief that "good people go to heaven"?

Read Isaiah 53:4–6

The sermon emphasized "the great exchange," where Christ takes our sin and gives us His righteousness. Why is this truth central to the gospel? How would you describe this to a person who does not know the Good News of Christ?

Read Isaiah 53:5–6

Ted used the image of sirens blaring and lights flashing to describe spiritual urgency. In what ways have you seen people delay responding to Christ or sharing the gospel with others?

The story of Kelly ended with the question, "Why did you wait so long?" Who in your life needs to hear the gospel from you, and what may be keeping you from speaking?

Jesus drank the cup of God's wrath so we would not have to. How should that truth lead us to worship, gratitude, repentance, and a bold witness this week? What steps can you take this week to respond to what Christ has done for you?

Prayer Prompt:

Thank Jesus for taking the cup of wrath in your place. Ask God to give you urgency for the lost, courage to share the gospel, and gratitude as you reflect on the cross during Holy Week.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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