

(Matt 26:36-41) - 4 Groups of People At Gethsemane

Illus: 1. Those that make things happen.

2. Those that watch things happen.

3. Those that wonder what happened.

Group 1: "I can, You can, Let's do it!"

Group 2: "I can, You Can't, get out of my way & let me do it.

Group 3: "I can't, You can't either, whose crazy Idea was this anyway."

(Matt 26:20-25) "One of you will betray me."

At some point they all must have had their doubts about Jesus.

(Jn 13:25-30) Jesus identifies who it was to John, but the rest didn't know who He spoke of.

(Matt 26:36-39) The greatest travesty in human History is about to be perpetrated.

4 Groups of People in this Story

Group 4 Judas - In the world – Lost - Has no use for God, His Word, or His People

Group 3 The 8 disciples – Closer to Christ, but on the periphery. (Closest to the world)

Group 2 The Inner circle – 3 disciples who were the closest.

Group 1 Christ who was alone, went the farthest.

I. Notice their position to Christ:

Group 4 (Judas) In the World – Most likely Lost
(Jn 12:4-6; Matt 26:6-9) Mad/disappointed @ God.

Group 3 (8 Disciples) (Matt 26:36)
The Majority of Christians today.
Nearest the World, Farthest from Christ, but still in the garden.

Group 2 (Peter, James, & John) (Matt 26:37)
Closest to Christ, farther from the world.

Group 1 Christ) Furthest from the world, closest to God

II. Notice the difference in number

Group 4 (Multitude) (Mat 26:47)

Group 3 (8 Disciples)
Has the highest number of Christians in it
They don't hate God.
They are just 1 step away from the world!

Group 2 (Peter, James, & John) Smaller in number.
2 Steps from the world – 1 Step closer to Christ
In the middle – Still not where Christ is, but not leaning toward the World.

Group 1 (Christ) Smallest in number.
Closest to the Father, Angels ministering.

III. Notice their Commitment

- Group 1** (Vs 39) (Jesus) *Not my will but thine*”
Group 2 (Vs 40-41) Stopped Praying when they got tired
Still Controlled by the Flesh
Group 3 (Vs 43) (8 Disciples) A sleep
Group 4 Christian by Tradition: (Matt 26:14-16)
Christian in Name Only: Christmas & Easter
Committed to themselves

IV. Notice their Service

- Group 4** (Luke 13:26-27) (2 Cor 11:13,15)
Everybody knows Group 4 is lost, irregardless
of what they say, their actions prove it!
(Matt 7:17-18)

Group 3 He didn't tell them to do anything, WHY?
Because He can't count on them to do anything.
These 8 Powerless Disciples.
1 step from the world.
Always looking for a better offer in the Flesh.
Will serve when it benefits them to do so.

*Illus: Group 3 Christians cause more damage to the
cause of Christ, because they shake the faith of others*

*We see this in (Mk 9:17-24) (*22) “If thou Canst?”
what a reproach to the son of God.*

This kind of Faithless Christianity has done more to hurt the
cause of Christ than all of the harlots, drunkards, and
drug addicts combined.

(Matt 24:48-51) God calls these Nominal Christians EVIL
and HYPOCRITS

- Group 2** (MT 26:38,40-41) Quits when it stops being fun
Group 1 (Matt 26:51-54) Follows through to God's Will.

So Which Group are you in?

*Not my will but Thine?
Anything you want God, just say the Word!*

Can God get that kind of a response from you?

*Not My will but THINE, ...
IF THINE lines up with MINE, then were FINE!*

*Not my will but THINE, If THINE lines up with MINE, then
MINE is THINE & THINE is MINE were really fine!*

When you can say, “*Not my will but Thine*”
Then God truly is your master!
Then Gods truly is your Lord.

What are we afraid of?

Illus: God might send me to Africa.

I Have found that I am happiest in God's will rather than
mine!

I would rather be out of the ministry, In God's will than in
the ministry, Out of God's Will!