

# Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

March 29

## THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW A SERVICE OF REFLECTION

### **MOVEMENT 1: *The Table*** *(Matthew 26:1-30)*

**The Response: Communion**

### **MOVEMENT 2: *The Garden*** *(Matthew 26:31-56)*

*Charles Spurgeon said of the Garden of Gethsemane, "Here we come to the Holy of Holies of our Lord's life on earth. We have thus come to the gate of the Garden of Gethsemane, let us now enter. But first, let us take off our shoes, as Moses did, when he saw the bush which burned with fire and was not consumed. Surely we may say with Jacob, 'How dreadful is this place!' I tremble at the task which lies before me, for how shall my feeble speech describe those agonies for which strong crying and tears were scarcely an adequate expression? No man can rightly expound such a passage as this; it is a subject for prayerful, heart-broken meditation, more than for human language."*

*"I get the sense that this is the kind of place I really ought to come into only on my knees, and that anything I can say or do here will fall so far short of what is actually happening. — J.D. Greear*

**The Response: The Posture of Surrender**

### **MOVEMENT 3: *The Trial and the Denial*** *(Matthew 26:57 to 27:26)*

**The Response: Confession**

The Confession

*Most merciful God,*

*We confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,*

*by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.*

*We have not loved you with our whole heart;*

*We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.*

*We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.*

*For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,*

*have mercy on us and forgive us;*

*that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

## **MOVEMENT 4: *The Cross*** ***(Matthew 27:27-54)***

### **The Response: The Cross Station**

*"Before we can begin to see the cross as something done for us, we have to see it as something done by us." — John Stott, theologian*