

Creekside Community Church  
*"Kingdom or Culture?"* The Gospel According to Mark  
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**Jesus Confronts Our Self-dependence**  
(Mark 14:26-42)

**Do I Depend on God or on Myself?**

1. To whom do I listen? (Mark 14:27-31)

2. When do I prepare for temptation? (Mark 14:38)

3. Whose will for my life do I really trust? (Mark 14:36)

**For further thought and discussion:**

**Getting Started**

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. What do you think Jesus means by "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven?" (Matthew 5:3) In what areas of your life do you know you need God? In what areas of your life do you tend to depend upon yourself? Why the difference?

**Going Deeper**

3. In what ways do people tend to play God? Why do most people think they don't need God? What are some of the results of such thinking?
4. Please read Mark 14:26-31. What differences do you notice between Jesus and Peter? What do these verses reveal about depending on God and depending on self? How could you follow Jesus' example in this passage?
5. Please read Mark 14:32-42. What differences do you notice between Jesus and the disciples? What do these verses reveal about depending on God and depending on self? (Note especially verse 38.) Why do we need to pray? What was the result of Jesus' prayer? What was the result of the disciples' prayerlessness? How could you follow Jesus' example in this passage?
6. Notice vs. 36. What do you learn about Jesus from this verse? What does this verse teach you about dependence on God? How did Jesus apply this in His own life? How can you apply it in your life?

**Application**

What is one lesson you've learned from this passage which you will apply this week? How will you apply it?