Sunday, March 8, 2026 Bill Smith

Invitation to the Faithless

Matthew 26:20-25, 31-35, 55-56

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Discussion Questions:

1. Can you recall a time when Jesus helped you see yourself more clearly than you had before?
    a. What was that time of seeing-more, like for you?
    b. How open to it were you?
2. Were you also aware of how much you needed to see God (and what he offers) more clearly?
    a. If so, what did he show you about himself that you really needed to see?
    b. How was that helpful to you?
3. Are there things now that it seems like Jesus wants to show you? Would you say that you're more open or resistant to seeing at this time?
4. The relationship between what God shows us of himself and ourselves is illustrated really clearly in something called the Cross Chart (that comes out of Serge and is in Thune/Walker's *The Gospel-Centered Life*). It's a way of showing how our awareness of what Jesus has done for us has to keep growing (deepening) over our lives as we walk with the Lord. If it doesn't, then as the Spirit works to sanctify us (make us like Jesus), we will tend to fall off into either pride or despair. You can find a helpful visual and short explanation at this site: https://agapemomsnetwork.com/the-agape-moms-blog/2019/1/24/the-cross-chart (and full disclosure: I know nothing about this group, but this page is really helpful).