



## 1. NOTHING NEW

Mark 14:17-26

### Key Points :

- **The Bible was mainly written during uncertainty (Mark 14:19)**
  - The Bible is full of stories of people facing uncertainty and discovering that not only was God not absent, He was often diligently at work accomplishing His will in the world, often in unexpected ways.
- **Times are uncertain, but God is not (Mark 14:21)**
  - Just as the disciples would have felt that evening, we are in uncertain times - and the world may look like a mess right now, but the question as to whether God has abandoned the world is found in Jesus's Passover death and resurrection. God answered the pain and uncertainty of the world by decisively acting in history through his Son. Times are uncertain but God is not.
- **Reorientate yourselves to God's reality: God has got the whole world in his hands (Mark 14:26 and Psalm 118)**
  - Amidst all the uncertainty facing them, Jesus and the disciples declared God the Father as trustworthy and their deliverer. Because in praising God we declare that God is bigger than any situation we face, however global and uncertain.

### Questions:

#### Conversation Starter

1. Where are you facing uncertainty at the moment?

#### Start thinking

2. Do you find yourself doubting whether God still has the world in his hands? What does this word image evoke in you?

#### Start sharing

3. How is lockdown affecting you at the moment? Do you find it easy to worship God in difficult and uncertain times?

#### Start praying

4. Heavenly Father, in these uncertain times may our trust in you grow. Thank you that even though times are uncertain you are not. Please reorientate our hearts to who you are, Amen.

#### Start doing

5. What might it look like to worship at home when you are feeling anxious in uncertainty? Do you have a spot you can go to or create? How might the Psalms being a resource for praise and lament during this time?