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Matthew 26

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. **51** With that, one of Jesus' companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. **52** "Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. **53** Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? **54** But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?" **55** In that hour Jesus said to the crowd, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. **56** But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.



Questions for Discussion

1. Read Matthew 26:51-56.
2. What does Jesus' say about Peter's act of violence?
3. What are the implications of this teaching for our lives?
4. Jesus tells us to love our enemies, and that if someone strikes us on the right cheek, we should turn the left to them as well. What are the implications of this for us today?
5. What are the tools and resources God wants us to use to change the world?
6. What does he tell us not to use?

Take time to pray for for one another.