THE REALLY GOOD LIFE!
The Life of Christ Series
Gospel of Luke
Purification and Preparedness
Luke 22:31-38

"Sifting: Process of Purification"
(Luke 22:31-34)

³¹And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. **³²** But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren." **³³** But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death." **³⁴** Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me."

- In these verses, Jesus knows that Satan will be sifting Simon. How is sifting a process of purification for Christians?
- If you ever been sifted, share your experience
- When Jesus says, *"I have prayed for you"* what specific implications does this have for Peter in these verses?
- Find at least four truths about Jesus in these verses?
- How do these verses apply to your life as a Christian?
- Have you ever denied Jesus? How did you feel afterwards, and how did you grow from that experience?

"Preparedness"
(Luke 22:35-38)

³⁵ And He said to them, "When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, did you lack anything?" So they said, "Nothing." **³⁶** Then He said to them, "But now, he who has a money bag, let him take it, and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one. **³⁷** For I say to you that this which is written must still be accomplished in Me: 'And He was numbered with the transgressors.' For the things concerning Me have an end." **³⁸** So they said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." And He said to them, "It is enough."

- What was Jesus teaching His disciples when he told them to go without anything? What is He teaching them now as He tells them to bring these items?
- In v.37 Jesus inserts a quotation, what does this have to do with this passage?
- Think of two points Jesus was trying to make from these verses. How can this apply to your life as a follower of Christ?