



Gospel Community Study Questions

Gospel of Mark | The Betrayer, The Denier and The Restorer

Key Passages: *Mark 14:10-31; John 12:4-6; Mark 14:47; Mark 3:28–30*

Big Idea: *Christ restores those who truly know and love him.*

Read and Recap

Read Mark 14:10-31 and briefly recap the narrative of Mark's Gospel so far drawing attention to how Mark is now leading us into Passion Week.

Discuss

What sort of character and posture towards Jesus do we see exposed in Judas in our passage and also John 12:4-6.? How do these reflect our own human condition (before we were saved)? Why do you think the human heart is naturally inclined this way towards God?

Mark has already shown us in his gospel how vital spiritual “sight” is for our hearts to respond rightly to Jesus. How does the bible teach us we receive spiritual sight and how does seeing Jesus help us know and love Jesus?

Now look at the character of Peter in our passage (*knowing that he does go on to deny Jesus*) and also in Mark 14:47 (*we know this is Peter from the other gospels*). What sort of character and posture towards Jesus do we see here in Peter and how does it reflect our own hearts?

Christians will never betray Jesus in the way Judas did. His rejection of Jesus as Lord is the “unforgivable sin” that Jesus taught of in Mark Chapter 3. We will, however, often commit the same sin Peter did in his denial of Jesus. Share with each other what this might look like in our own lives. Stop and take some time to pray prayers of confession and repentance.

Peter's story doesn't end with denial. John 21:15-17 shows us Jesus' restoration of Peter. What does this teach us about Jesus' character, his posture towards us and what he intends to do with our sin and weakness?

Close & Pray

Take some time to pray for that work of continued restoration in our lives.

Coming Up

Next week we'll be looking at The Lord's Supper in Mark 14:22-31