

Palm Sunday

Week 1 – The Crucifixion through the Eyes of Peter

Transition: In last week's text, Peter reminded these Christians that even during their suffering, they had obligations to one another. He exhorted them to prayer, love, hospitality, and service, all for the glory of God.

Check Point: Would anyone like to share something they worked on from last week's discussion?

Context: In this week's text, Peter learned several facts about Jesus and several facts about himself, through the events leading up to the crucifixion.

Opening Questions:

- Have you ever been betrayed? Describe the occasion and what you learned from the experience.
- Have you ever been falsely accused? What were you feeling in that moment? What was the result of the situation?

Scripture/Storying: Mark 14:12-72

Discipleship Questions:

- What is the Holy Spirit teaching you through this story? How does it impact the way you think and live?
- Where in this week's text do you see the sovereignty of God displayed? Does the sovereignty of God through the events leading up to the crucifixion give you hope for your trials or despair? Explain why. What concrete ways have you seen God's sovereignty displayed in your trials?
- When Jesus was troubled, he responded by running to the Father in prayer. What is your normal response when you are troubled and why? How will you make running to the Father in prayer your top priority when you are facing distress?
- Jesus submitted to the Father's will regarding the suffering that was ahead of him. What makes submitting to the Father's will difficult for you, when it involves sorrow?
- Where in the story do you see Peter come face to face with his prideful confidence? How have you seen prideful confidence backfire in your own life? What did you learn from the occasion?
- Peter learned that he fought trials the wrong way (cutting off the ear of the servant to the high priest). Describe a time when you fought the wrong way through a trial. Did it make things better or worse? What did you learn from the experience? What needs to happen in your heart for you to fight the right way?
- Who do you identify with most in this story and why? What is your part in this story? What is God's part?

Prayer time: David & Katya Snead | Ukraine

- Pray for the English club their church is hosting in the summer. May the Lord provide a team of Americans who could come and help teach the students English.
- Pray for safety, salvation for a member in their small group, and perseverance for the everyday challenges of ministry!