

Sermon Outline

In Mark 14:27-31 we are shown 6 promises made by Jesus & his disciples.

- I. Jesus makes a prophetic promise (v. 27).
- II. Jesus makes a restoring promise (v. 28a).
- III. Jesus makes a hopeful promise (v. 28b).
- IV. Peter make an arrogant promise (v. 29).
- V. Jesus makes a humbling promise (v. 30).
- VI. Peter and the disciples make a hedging promise (v. 31).

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, May 15, 2016

Passage: Mark 14:27-31

Memory Passage: Mark 14:30

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 14:27-31 & Zech. 12:1-13:9.** Notice Mark 14:27 quotes Zechariah 13:7, which is found in the 2nd prophetic “burden” in Zechariah. Explain the flow of thought in each of these 3 sections & how each section connects with the others: 12:1-9, 12:10-13:1, and 13:2-7.
- (b) Who is “him whom they have pierced” (12:10) and “my shepherd” (13:7) (you might find help by reading a few other passages in Zechariah and observing the work of the future Davidic King: 3:8; 6:12; 9:9).
- (c) What does Jesus present in Mark 14:27 as the ultimate fulfillment of Zechariah 13:7?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 14:27-31.** Who is the “I” who will “strike the shepherd?” How does this help us understand the nature of Jesus’ suffering (cf. Is. 53:10)?
- (b) In what way will the disciples “all fall away?” Is this a loss of salvation? How do you know?
- (c) What is the connection between the sheep being scattered and the shepherd being struck?
- (d) Why do you think Jesus says these words here, immediately after the meal and Judas’ identification as a betrayer? What was the state of mind of the disciples as He began to speak these words, and how might this affect their reaction to them?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 14:27-31.** What are the 2 statements Jesus makes in v. 28?
- (b) How does the first statement help you understand who the struck shepherd is, and how does the 2nd statement affect the falling away of all the disciples?
- (c) What does Peter’s response say about the state of his heart? What does it say about his trust in his own ability?
- (d) In what ways are you tempted to act with the arrogance Peter displays? In what ways do you neglect receiving wisdom, counsel, or teaching from others because you are too confident in your own assessment of what you think?
- (e) In what ways will you apply the gospel to overcome any arrogance or self-sufficient thinking in the future?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 14:27-31.** If you were Peter, how would you have received Jesus’ words in v. 30?
- (b) Why do you think it is so far out of Peter’s realm of comprehension that he could ever deny Jesus, let alone 3 times?
- (c) How did the disciples’ response (v. 31-“If I must die”) betray a misunderstanding of Jesus’ call to discipleship (8:43-37)?
- (d) The disciples were unified in their arrogant dismissal of Jesus’ warnings. Should there not have been one of these men who said, “Listen, brothers! Why are we so quick to reject Jesus’ words about us?!” How does observing the disciples’ failure strengthen you to remain faithful to Jesus’ word when others, even in growing numbers, turn away from the truth of His word?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 14:27-31.** Did the disciples *intend* to fall away (the grammar is passive in the Greek)? In what ways are we prone to commit sins that we never intend to commit?
- (b) Notice also that Peter seems to accept the fact that others would fall away, but reject the fact that he would fall away. In what ways are you tempted to be blinded to your own possibility of sinning while being eagle-eyed toward the sin of others?
- (c) Revisit the constant admonition in chapter 13 to be awake and on guard (13:5, 9, 23, 33-37). How might the response of the disciples in 14:27-31 been different if they had been heeding these commands? How do these commands help you to live in humility rather than arrogance, fighting your own sin instead of others’, and heeding Jesus’ words instead of fighting them?

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