

Small Group Curriculum

01-27-13

1. Have a volunteer read Mark 14:12-21, 27-31.
2. In verses 12-16, how did Jesus demonstrate his foreknowledge of future events? How do you think the two disciples felt when they entered Jerusalem and circumstances unfolded as Jesus foretold?
3. How did their reactions change when Jesus predicted one of their own would betray him?
4. What dynamics were happening in Peter's mind that had him move from accepting Jesus' knowledge of the future to disagreeing with him?
5. What makes it hard for people to admit to themselves and others that they are capable of failure?
6. Does being part of a religious community make it easier or harder for you to be open about your shortcomings?
7. What are some of the risks in not being realistic about our vulnerability to sin or fall short?
8. Read Psalms 32:3-4. What were some of the consequences David experienced when he concealed his sin from God?
9. Read 1 John 2:1. How does the Apostle John present a realistic approach to the issue of sin and holiness?
10. What does concealing sin say about our opinion of God's goodness?
11. Read the following verses: 1 John 1:9, James 5:16; Romans 7:24-25. What does scripture teach about the value of being transparent about our failures?
12. What are the risks of being open about our failures? What makes being open and realistic about our failures worth it?
13. Pastor Mike offered four questions to ask after experiencing a failure: 1) What warnings signs or prompts might I have ignored? 2) What can I learn from this? What spiritual provisions to protect myself did I fail to utilize? 3) Whom have I hurt? --- Can you think of any other questions that would be worth adding to his list?