

“Closer Walk” Bible Study

Mining Matthew Chapter 26:57-75

Purpose: To share lives around the Scripture and through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit make happy and unexpected discoveries that change our lives and bring us closer in our walk with Jesus.

Getting us started

1. Have you ever been in a court of law or “other situation” where you felt unfairly treated or felt the judge violated your rights?
2. In days gone by, when did you really disappoint yourself?

Getting us into Scripture

3. Who is the Sanhedrin (or Jewish court of elders), and what kind of cases were brought before it (see Acts 4:1-22)?
4. Why take Jesus to the high priest? Why do you think Peter followed? Why would the priests knowingly accept false evidence? Why two witnesses (v. 60; see Deuteronomy 19:15)?
5. What is unusual about Jesus’ self-defense? Why did he remain silent? How does he view God’s kingdom?
6. So far in Matthew, what character traits has Peter exhibited (see 14:22-36; 15:1-20; 16:13-20; 26:31-45)? Here, how do his actions reveal his character? Which character trait dominates this story?
7. When did Peter realize what was happening? Why then? Why cry?

Getting Scripture into us

8. What impresses you most about Jesus here?
9. Ever “defend your faith”? How well did you do? How could you give a better answer for the hope you have (1Peter 3:15-16)?
10. How do you know when to keep silent and when to talk about your faith?
11. When have you felt like Peter? When did you cry in regret before God? How did you make a comeback?