4. In today's world, Christianity is attacked because of all the evil the "church" has inflicted on people. This is illustrated in the Crusades, bombing of abortion clinics, the Inquisition, and the killing of witches. How do we respond to these accusations or the unloving behavior of Christians?

How does *Philippians 1:6* speak to "God is not finished with us yet" and "we should not be surprised when Christians are not perfect?"

5. How does Jesus teach specifically about hypocrisy in *Matthew 6:1-6?*

Christians are often labeled as hypocrites. How are non-Christians as hypocritical?

6. Jesus said He was the Truth in *John 14:6*. How is believing in the truth of who Jesus is most important in life? *Matthew 16:13-18*

John 17:3

How can we help friends, family, and people we meet come to believe this?

Taking it Home

Spend time praying with and for each other. Be sure to pray for people in your Oikos and those you are asking the question "Who do you think Jesus is?", or "Who is Jesus to you?" Show the love of Christ to someone this week!

Prayer Requests:

Knowing the Truth About Jesus

November 25, 2018

"Jesus Shows It Works and It's True!"

Luke 22:47-53; 66-71

How?

It all rises and falls on Jesus.

The "It" is Christianity.

1. Jesus showed He could respond well to the difficult interruptions in life!

Luke 22:47

2. Jesus showed it is possible to <u>endure</u> the pain of the <u>betrayal</u> of a friend.

Luke 22:48

3. Jesus showed the message of Christianity is not to be spread by <u>force</u> or <u>violence</u>.

Luke 22:49-51

*Doubting the <u>truth</u> of Christianity because of the actions of Christians is <u>understandable</u> but not <u>valid</u>.

*When you ask a <u>question</u>, wait for the <u>answer</u> before you <u>act</u>.

*Jesus did not come to <u>hurt</u> but to <u>heal</u>

John 3:17

4. Jesus showed the <u>hypocrisy</u> of some who rejected <u>Him</u> and His <u>message</u>.

Luke 22:52-53

*Would you surrender your life to Jesus if you were convinced it <u>works</u> and it is <u>true</u>?

5. Jesus shows clearly it really is about "Who is Jesus to vou?"

Luke 22:66-71

So What...

Is it working and true for you?

Sermon Based Bible Study- Week of November 28, 2018

What was your take-away from Sunday?

(A particular point, challenge, encouragement or question)

Getting Connected

A possible interesting question to start your group-In times of crisis, do you usually stay cool, get hot, dig in, or some other response?

Going Further- Growing in Christ

1. This is a great passage to memorize—Psalm 100:5 "For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations."

This week pray for Ironwood Christian Camp as they reach children, youth, adults, couples, and families with their camping ministry.

Extra credit if you share something from PT with God:

2. If "Jesus works for us", we should be able to handle interruptions better. As Jesus was speaking to His disciples in *Luke 22*, the religious leaders came to arrest Him. Jesus was calm. How did Jesus handle the interruption in *Luke 8:45-48?*

How did He see it as a divine appointment?

How can we follow His example?

3. How have you been betrayed by a family member or friend?

In *Proverbs 27:6*, a friend might correct us and the "truth might hurt." When a "friend" or "enemy" shows false friendship, it is deceitful and it is meant to hurt. In what ways do we deceive people by what we say or do?

How did Judas fool his fellow disciples?