

Kingdom Rising

“On Trial”

GETTING STARTED

ICE BREAKER: Tell about a legal issue you faced, and what was the outcome?

KEY THOUGHT: ***Will you flee your First Love?***

GETTING THE POINT

Read Mark 14:51-65

1. How does the young man's actions set up the passage about Peter that will come later?
2. How does Jesus demonstrate His authority even though He is the One on trial?
3. Why do you think the time was right for Jesus to fully reveal His identity?

Read Mark 14:66-72

4. Compare and contrast the trial of Peter and the trial of Jesus.
5. What was at stake for Peter if he had owned up to the truth of his connection to Jesus?
6. What makes Peter's words about Jesus in verse 71 so heartbreaking?

GETTING DEEPER

Read Mark 10:33-34

1. What parts of Jesus' prediction here have now been fulfilled? What is yet to come?
2. If the disciples recall Jesus' words here, what should give them hope?

GETTING PERSONAL

1. How might this passage have challenged and/or strengthened Mark's audience in Rome?
2. What is at risk today when someone stands up to identify with Jesus?
3. Have you ever fled Jesus & been exposed as a spiritual coward? Describe if you are willing.
4. Tell about a time you were ridiculed, or rejected, or passed over for a promotion, or mistreated in some other way for your faith. How did you respond?

PRAY...

that God will strengthen us to stand up for Jesus because He stood up for us.