



The High Priest, A Couple of Liars & the Clouds of Heaven

Small Group Questions

Matthew 26:57-75

March 1

Community

- What is one of your favorite movies and which character is most like you?
- What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
- What is one thing you would do differently this week as a result of this message?

Core: Read Matthew 26:57-75

1. As you begin reading this section of scripture (vs 57-58) set the scene; who are the characters involved? What do you know about each? Caiaphas? Peter? Jesus? The scribes & elders?
2. How are the witnesses at this trial described? What did they claim about Jesus? What did they get right? What did they get wrong?
3. Why do you think Jesus remains silent in response to the witnesses?

4. When Caiaphas asked Jesus if He was the messiah, Caiaphas received more of a response than he bargained for; what does Jesus claim about Himself?

5. How does Caiaphas and the rest of the council react to Jesus' description of when and where they will see Him again?

6. What does Jesus' response to Caiaphas in the midst of this unjust trial tell you about His view of this situation?

7. Is the identity of Jesus really the central question to the Christian faith? Why? Why not? What happens when people get His identity wrong?

8. What stands out to you about Peter's denial of Jesus? What do you think Peter is feeling as he is questioned by the different people he encountered? Do you think you've ever felt like Peter?

9. We can be pretty hard on Peter, but can you think of a time when you've been guilty of denying Jesus? What are some ways that people deny Jesus today?

Pray to Close