

## Grace Group Questions

### 09-09-2018 - John 13:36-38 – The Presumptuous Pride of Peter

**REMINDER:** The purpose of our Grace Groups is to help our church family mature in our love for the Lord and each other. We seek to do this by 1. Practical Sermon Application 2. Practicing the One Another's 3. Providing Care 4. Praying Together 5. Pursuing Discipleship. These questions are simply a tool to help you achieve these purposes. You will notice that these questions are structured according to the three basic principles of Bible study - observation, interpretation, and application.

#### 1. Sermon Passage: Read John 13:36-38.

- What was the main point of Sunday's sermon?
- Can you outline the sermon?

#### 2. Observation – What did you hear?

- Why was Peter's claim that he would lay down his life for Jesus presumptuous? Why was it ironic?
- What are the three ways that Peter's presumptuous pride was revealed?

#### 3. Interpretation – What does it mean?

- What did Jesus mean when He said, "*Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward.*" (John 13:36)
- What does the fulfillment of Jesus' prophecy that Peter would deny him three times reveal about Jesus? What does the threefold nature of the denial reveal about Peter's pride? Jesus meets Peter's threefold denial with a threefold restoration in John 21. Why is this significant?
- Prior to his denial of Jesus, Peter fails to remain alert and prayerful in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mk. 14:37-38). Explain how Peter's lack of prayer displays the subtlety of pride. Jesus says that even though Peter demonstrated a willing spirit, he had a weak flesh. How does prayer impact a weak flesh?

#### 4. Application – How does this apply?

- Describe a time when overconfidence in your own strength negatively impacted your prayer life? What was the result of your pride and lack of prayer.
- What steps should you take when you observe another believer acting or speaking in a way that reveals a prideful heart (Cf. Gal. 6:1, 1 Tim. 5:1, Matt. 22:39, Col. 1:28).
- Johnathan Edwards states, "There is no sin so much like the devil as pride. It is a subtle sin and appears in a great many shapes which are undetected and unsuspected." Scott listed some examples of subtle pride for us in his sermon. What are some other ways you have seen pride subtly manifest itself in your own life?

#### 5. Prayer ...