

Integrity Bible Study 2: Too Scared to Be Honest- John 18:15-27

Getting Started

- 1) Why do you think people resist change?

- 2) Under what circumstances might a person find themselves going back on a promise to always back up his/her friend?

Into the Word

- 1) Peter and another disciple follow Jesus as he's lead to be tried by the High Priest. The other disciple follows closely but Peter keeps some distance between him and Jesus. Why do you think Peter is driven to both follow and keep his distance as Jesus faces Caiaphas the High Priest?

- 2) What's the difference between Jesus' reaction to being questioned about what he taught and Peter's reaction to being asked if he's one of Jesus' disciples?

Jesus	Peter

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- 3) John's account of Jesus' arrest and Peter's denial of Jesus is a little different than the other accounts. According to John, Peter is the one who tries to prevent the arrest by cutting off the ear of Caiaphas' servant. John also fails to have John's denials increase in intensity and fervor. How does each of Peter's actions reveal that he's being motivated by fear?

Bringing Things Current:

- 4) Peter most likely believed that his three-fold denial of Jesus negated everything else he'd ever done as a disciple of Jesus Christ. What kinds of things might fear drive a modern-day believer to do that might make them feel like their decision negates every Godly decision they made before the ungodly decision?

- 5) Every person in today's lesson who tried to force Jesus to act in a way that fit their preconceived notions of how he should be instead of just accepting him as he was ended up in failure. What kinds of things to believers today say, think and do that show that they may also be refusing to accept that God is more than what they thought God was?
