

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS ON DISPLAY

John 18:1-27

Main Thought: In John 18:1-27, we discover that despite rebels who oppose Him and disciples who fail Him, Jesus is Lord over every situation, including His own death.

1. REBELS WHO _____ JESUS IN NO WAY THWART HIS LORDSHIP. (vv 1-6)

- 1) The Chief Priests and Pharisees – _____ folks
- 2) Judas - _____
- 3) Soldiers- secular _____

2. DISCIPLES WHO FAIL JESUS ARE STILL UNDER HIS _____ CARE AND REDEMPTIVE PURPOSES. (vv 7-18, 25-27)

- 1) The Lord's _____
- 2) Peter's _____

- (1) Failure to _____ God's ways
- (2) Failure to _____ our own weakness
- (3) Failure to recognize _____ warfare
- (4) Failure to _____ God more than people

3. JESUS IS LORD OVER EVERY _____, INCLUDING OFFERING HIMSELF AS THE SACRIFICE FOR OUR SINS. (vv 10-14, 19-23)

- 1) He knew the Father's _____
- 2) He _____ on the Father
- 3) He knew the _____ and wrestled in prayer to gain the victory before the crisis hit.
- 4) He _____ God, not man

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read John 18:1-27 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. What do you learn about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) from this passage?

3. What do you learn about human beings/yourself from this passage?

4. What verse meant the most to you? Why?

5. What didn't you understand in the passage? What answers did you find for your questions?

6. What application(s) for your life do you take away from this passage?

Digging deeper:

7. How would you describe Jesus' demeanor in this passage?

8. How would describe the disciple's demeanor in this passage?

9. What do you think happened to cause the soldiers to fall the ground when Jesus said "I am he"?

10. What do you think Peter and the other disciple hoped to do by following Jesus?

11. How do you account for the difference in Peter in verse 10 and verse 17?

12. How do Jesus' answers expose the trial as a mockery?

13. How do you think Peter felt after he denied Jesus the third time and the rooster crowed? Why do you think Peter denied Jesus?

14. How does the story of Peter both humble and encourage you?