

Kingdom Reclaimed
Matthew 26:47-75
Study Guide

1. Like Peter, we all have a "false-self" that we have created, inflated and presented to the world. Where do you see this in your own life?
2. Have you given space for accountability in your life? Creating a community of confession where you are able to share your struggle and sin is essential in the life of any believer. Are you intentional about creating this and being a trusted friend for someone else in your life?
3. In Jesus we see Poise in the moment of betrayal and humility in the face of his accusers. We can all grow in this way as we go on the journey to be a more committed follower of Jesus. What in this really resonates with you? Are you impulsive in your response? Or are you poised and humble like Jesus?
4. If you have been impulsive in a response is there someone that you have hurt that you need to ask their forgiveness? Maybe a spouse? Or a child? Or a friend or coworker?
5. In this last moment of brokenness we see Peter weeping, but we know the end of the story that Jesus goes ahead of them to Galilee and restores Peter in John 21. Do you have that hope in your brokenness that pushes you back to draw near to Jesus? Peter could have ran. He could have let his despair be the end like Judas, but instead he went to Galilee where Jesus said he would meet him. Jesus is always faithful, He will be there, turn, let your brokenness push you back to Him.

Message Slides

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- a. Jesus says, "Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."
- b. "Jesus rose from His knees to go out to the battle of life. That is what prayer is for. In prayer a man kneels before God that he may stand erect in the face of men. In prayer a man enters heaven that he may face the battles of earth."

-William Barclay

II. Big Idea: In our brokenness Jesus meets and restores us.

III. A Lesson in Perspective (47-56)

- a. Jesus – POISE (47-50)
 - i. Ephesians 6:12
- b. Peter – IMPULSIVE (51-53)
 - i. Peter's not afraid of anything, ready to rise up and fight, courageous and self-confident "false self" led him to impulsive action.
- c. Biblical (54-56)
 - i. V. 56 *"Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled."*

IV. The Claim of Deity – The "pull ring" (57-68)

- a. John 2:19 "Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.'"

V. A Warning against Self-Confidence (69-75)

- a. Overinflated confidence in himself.
- b. A neglect of prayer.
- c. Leads to self-directed action
- d. Denial of Jesus.
- e. Brokenness

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VII. Jesus is the restorer

It is in the face of the depravity of our heart and our sin that Jesus enters the picture in John 21.

- a. There is hope in the brokenness.
 - i. Matthew 26:32
- b. There is healing in the brokenness.
 - i. John 21:1-19

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