

### The Heart of the Matter

12. When have you faced a “Gethsemane” moment in your life? What happened?

13. When have you put Jesus “on trial” in your own heart? What was the outcome of the verdict?

14. When, if ever, have you felt your failures had made it impossible for Christ to use you again?

15. What “rooster” reminds you of your failure and guilt? What gives you the most hope during these times?

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## Life Group Study Guide

(Life Groups Coming Fall 2017)

### The Cost of Commitment Mark 14:26-72 For the Week of March 19, 2017

#### Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. Where do you go or what do you do when you're facing difficult situations?
3. When in your life were you most disappointed with yourself? When were you the most pleased with yourself?

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### **Digging Deeper**

4. In verses 26-31 how does Peter see himself in relation to the other disciples? Was Peter sincere in verse 29? What are your thoughts concerning Peter's counter to Jesus' words in verse 31?

5. Why do you think Jesus warned the disciples (especially Peter) of their upcoming denial?

6. Why did Jesus take Peter, James and John with him to pray in verse 33? Why don't the disciples share Jesus' sense of urgency? (V34-42) In verse 34, why did Jesus urge Peter specifically to "watch and pray"?

7. Why is the crowd armed? (V48) What does this tell you about Judas' misunderstanding of Jesus' mission? How do you account for the disciples' reactions in verses 47, 50, 51?

8. Peter ends up following Jesus at a distance. What does this tell you about Peter's character? What is Peter trying to accomplish up to this point in observing the trial at a distance?

9. What perversions of justice do you find in Jesus' trial in verses 53-65? Why do you think that Jesus, for the most part, remains silent?

10. What is significance of Jesus' first direct messianic acknowledgment in verse 62? (Psalm 110:1 and Daniel 7:13) If the Jewish religious officials are waiting for the Messiah, why would they consider Jesus' words as blasphemous?

11. After Peter follows Jesus to the high priest's house, why does he now deny Him three times in verses 66-71? How were the three denials different? How were they similar?