

CONNECTION:

- Spring Break is coming! Do you have any plans....?

SCRIPTURE:

- Mark 14:43 - 52

CONVERSATIONS:

- Think of a time when you felt betrayed or let down by someone close to you. How did you feel? How did you respond?
- How is Jesus' kingdom – the kingdom of God – the 'upside down' kingdom when compared with the kingdom of the world? (cf. Luke 6:20 - 26)
- Judas totally misunderstood what the kingdom of God was all about.
 - What kind of factors might cause someone to claim to be a follower of Jesus but not truly understand what it is all about?
 - How do the wrong expectations about what Jesus is all about lead to doubt in a person's life?
 - Has there been a time when you have experienced doubts about Jesus? How did you deal with them?
 - How do you respond when others doubt you? How did Jesus respond to people who had doubts? (cf. Mark 9:22 - 24; Matthew 8:23 - 27)
- How did Peter try to combine the kingdom of God with the kingdom of the world? (v. 47; cf. John 18:10 - 11)
 - In what ways do we as Christians make the same mistake as Peter?
 - Does that mean that Christians shouldn't be involved in influencing legislation, Hollywood, the education system, the media, etc? If not, why not? If so, how should Christians go about making a change in these areas?
- Read verses 50 - 52.
 - What lessons or encouragement should we see here?
 - Why is it so important that we never forget about the grace of God in our lives?

RIDGE CHURCH REMINDERS:

- Baptism Service | March 20th
- Community Semester 2 ends this week and Semester 3 starts March 27th
- Seniors Social March 24th

PRAYER:

- PRAY for peace in Ukraine and for Christians both there and in Russia.
- PRAY for opportunities to be salt and light in our City
- PRAY that we would continue to welcome new folks to the church.
- PRAY for folks to step out in faith and be baptized.



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