

The Gospel of Mark: Responding to Jesus
Following Christ at Distance – The Road to Sorrow

Mark 14:66-72

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Fear can lead us to do things we'd never do otherwise.

Growing in the understanding of your own weakness/sinfulness will cause you to grow in grace for the weaknesses/sinfulness of others.

I. Distance is the place of _____ and _____ (Mark 14:66-68).

“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers” (Ps. 1:1).

The Bible states a neutral stance is a denial.

Where are you spiritually right now?

“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you” (James 4:8a).

II. Small _____ lead to much _____ ones (Mark 14:69-71).

The most miserable person is...

Peter's first denial was being with Jesus. His second denial is being “one of them.” One what?

Deny Jesus and deny your identity! Identity matters...

Peter's third denial – his resemblance to Jesus

“...this man of whom you speak.”

Do you think you could never deny Jesus?

III. _____ is the end _____ of distance, but not the _____!
(Mark 14:72)

Peter is not where he should be and is overcome with sorrow.

What can we learn? Let's reverse this curse!

1. _____ the Word of God.
 - the treasure we've been given
 - the truth that sets us free
 - the promises to believe/live our lives based on

2. _____ who Jesus is.
 - a man so he could die
 - the Son so the Father's wrath and His justice are satisfied
 - the King who alone is worthy

3. _____ who you are.
 - you are His because of His love
 - you are saved and set apart
 - you were made for His glory

Where do you need to apply the good news of the Gospel?

1. If this is your first worship experience at HHBC, let us know and tell us how we can pray for you or answer any questions. Send us a message on Facebook or e-mail at info@hhbc.org.
2. **How much do you know about the Gospel?** Do you have questions about Christianity or your own spiritual condition? If so, please e-mail or call Pastor Gene this week (cell: 864.616.5899 or gene@hhbc.org).
3. Join us Wednesday @ 6:30 PM (Refuel, Student Ministry & Truth Trackers)