Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial - Mark 14:27-31

Topics: Death, Denial, Determination, Faith, Fear, Forsake, Prophecy, Rejection

Open It

- 1. What is one fact about the future you wish you knew?
- 2. What is one part of your past you wish you could do over?
- * 3. What is one institution, person, or organization to which you have felt loyal over the years? Why?

Explore It

- * 4. What did Jesus reveal to His disciples? (14:27)
 - 5. How would Jesus' prediction fulfill Scripture? (14:27)
 - 6. What did Jesus quote? Why? (14:27)
 - 7. To what "shepherd" and "sheep" did Jesus refer? Why? (14:27)
 - 8. What information did Jesus give the disciples? (14:28)
- * 9. How did Peter respond to Christ's words? (14:29)
 - 10. What was Peter's state of mind when Jesus predicted that the disciples would betray Him? (14:29)
- * 11. What did Jesus say about Peter's loyalty? (14:30)
 - 12. What was the reaction when Jesus said that Peter would disown Him? (14:31)
 - 13. What did Peter claim? (14:31)
 - 14. What do the disciples' reactions tell us about them? (14:31)

Get It

- 15. What does the verse that Jesus quoted mean: "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered"?
- 16. Why do you think Jesus sometimes chose to reveal to His disciples what would happen in the future and at other times left them in the dark?
- 17. Why do you think Jesus told Peter that he was not as faithful a friend as he assumed?
- 18. What is the benefit in knowing we are vulnerable to failure?
- 19. Why do you think Peter boasted of his loyalty to Christ?
- 20. In what ways do Christians declare their loyalty to Christ?
- 21. Why do some Christians fall away from following Christ?
- * 22. What specific area of your life most tests your loyalty to Christ?
 - 23. What can we do to strengthen our commitment to Christ?
- * 24. What exactly can we do to stay committed to Jesus in the face of testing or suffering?
 - 25. What role does accountability play in helping Christians remain loyal to Christ?
 - 26. How should you react if another believer falls away from his or her faith?
 - 27. What difference does it make that all of Jesus' predictions about the future came true?
 - 28. What can we learn from this passage about Jesus' character and attitude?

Apply It

- 29. In what way can you show your dependence on God for the strength to follow Christ?
- * 30. What can you do over the next week to renew and strengthen your faith in Christ?