



STAY POSITIVE – WEEK 1 – WHEN OTHERS JUDGE

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SCRIPTURE REFERENCE – John 13:37-38; 18:17-18, 25-27; 21:15-24

PRIMARY OUTCOME

- That we would learn to positively respond to people with whom we disagree.

A CULTURE OF NEGATIVITY

- Increasingly we find people who lean toward a negative perspective on just about everything.
- Jesus seemed to be able to stay positive, no matter the circumstances.
- One area of common negativity is our response to someone around us who has done something we don't like, or believes something we don't believe, or makes a mistake in their life, or has a different perspective than ours on a subject.

PETER'S FALL

- Overly Confident. See John 13:36-38.
- Subtle Compromise. See John 18:15-18.
- Common Rebellion. See John 18:25-27 & Luke 22:61-62.

JESUS' RESPONSE

- Constructive Repair. See John 21:15-17a.
- Respectful Privacy. John 21:20-23.
- Hopeful Future. John 15:17.

SEEKING GOD'S HELP

- Sometimes we need to receive forgiveness.
- Sometimes we need to extend forgiveness.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Ice Breaker – Do you tend to see the glass as half empty or half full, and why do you take that approach?
2. Where do you see negativity in our culture today?
3. When someone around you “messes up” what is your tendency? Confront them? Think badly about them? Forgive them and move on? None of the above?
4. Where are you overly confident in your faith; perhaps an area where you believe it is impossible for you to fall?
5. Give some examples of subtle compromises that can eventually become common rebellion.
6. When Jesus looked straight at Peter after the third denial (Luke 22:61-62), what do you think Jesus was thinking? What do you think Peter was thinking?
7. Consider a situation where a close friend has had some subtle compromise. Give an example of how you could approach with constructive repair. How would it be destructive?
8. Why do you think we have a tendency to bring others into a conflict we have with someone else through gossip?
9. Can you think of examples where someone based an opinion negatively on something without having all the facts?
10. Have you ever been forgiven by another person? How did it make you feel?
11. What tends to prevent us from offering forgiveness to another person?

