



This past Sunday Pastor Josh preached a message on the empty promise of compromise—the idea that we can be in the world and in Jesus at the same time. In this week’s lesson we will continue to uncover the empty promises we all hold on to and focusing on compromises in particular.

FAMILY TIME

Take some time to share prayer requests and praise reports with each other and encourage folks to keep praying for each other’s prayer requests throughout the week and to believe that these will become future praise reports.

Let’s also keep praying for the refugees and for all of our summer teams. Let’s pray specifically for fundraising, as teams only have a month left to raise support!

BIBLE DISCUSSION

We will be studying the key passage from Pastor Josh’s sermon: Matthew 26:69-75. In this text, we see that as Peter begins to compromise, it leads him down this path of compromising even more and falling farther and farther away from Jesus.

Introduction Question: Was there ever a time when we were so sure we would do something (or not do something) and told everyone we would do it only to not be able to when the time actually came?

See attached for a printout of the passage for your lifegroup members to take notes on.

Possible Discussion Questions:

- Compare and contrast the three interactions Peter has.
- What do you notice about Peter’s reactions as the story progresses?
- Why do you think Peter may have disowned Jesus?
- What makes Peter break down and weep bitterly at the end?
- What do we learn about compromising from this story?

Reflection Question: Are there ways in which we have been compromising (or tempted to compromise) and holding on to empty promises? What might it look like for us to turn away from these compromises and to choose to take a step towards Jesus instead?

Small Group: Break up into groups of 3-4 to share about the ways we may have been compromising or tempted to compromise and what might help us to turn away from these things. Then pray for each other for God to help us turn from these things and move towards him.

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