Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex Adult Curriculum

What To Do When I Have Done Wrong

Lesson 33

Matthew 26:34; 69-75

Memory Verse

If we tell God our wrongs, He will forgive us our sins and clean us from all our wrongs. I John 1:9

Introduction

Have you ever trusted someone and thought he/she was a friend and then for some reason, that person betrayed you? That happened to Jesus.

Matthew 26:34

Scripture

"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."

Before Jesus died, He told Peter that he would deny Him. Peter did not believe that was possible. But it was.

At Easter time, we always remember how Jesus died and came back to life! We celebrate because He is alive! Many sad things happened when Jesus was on trial.

Matthew 26:69-70

Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said.

But he denied it before them all. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said.

Ask: What happened the first time Peter denied knowing Jesus?

Peter, one of Jesus' friends, was outside waiting to see what was going to happen to Jesus. He was getting nervous. A servant girl noticed him.

She said, "Aren't you with Jesus?" Peter was afraid of being killed; so he lied and said that he never knew Jesus.

Matthew 26:71-72

Then he went out to the gateway, where another girl saw him and said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth."

He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the man!"

Ask: What happened the second time Peter denied knowing Jesus?

Later, another girl saw Peter and told others that he was with Jesus. Peter again denied everything.

Scripture

Matthew 26:73-74

After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them, for your accent gives you away."

Then he began to call down curses on himself and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!"

Discussion

Ask: What happened the third time Peter denied knowing Jesus?

Finally some people told Peter that they knew he was with Jesus because he had the same accent in his voice. Peter again swore that he did not know Jesus.

Matthew 26:74-75

Immediately a rooster crowed. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Ask: What happened after Peter denied knowing Jesus and the rooster crowed? Just after he said this, a rooster crowed. Peter went outside and cried painfully because he remembered that Jesus told him that he would deny knowing Jesus three times. Jesus was right! Peter had lied about knowing his friend Jesus.

In Luke 22:61, the Bible says that Jesus turned and looked at Peter when the rooster crowed. Jesus was probably sad and disappointed that Peter lied and denied Him.

John 21:4-6

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Ask: What happened after Jesus rose from the dead?

There are good news! After Jesus came back to life, He was on a beach cooking fish for breakfast. Peter and his friends were in a boat on the lake. They had not caught anything all night. Jesus said hello but they did not recognize Him.

Ask: What did Jesus tell them to do?

Suddenly He told them to throw their fishing nets out again.

Ask: What happened when they obeyed Jesus?

They did, and caught a huge amount of fish. One of the men realized that it was Jesus that was talking to them.

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Ask: Who was the first person was to swim to shore to see Jesus?

It was PETER!

Scripture

John 21:15-17

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said,

"Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep.

Application

Ask: What did Jesus do for Peter?

Jesus forgave him for all the wrong sins that Peter had done. Peter loved Jesus and wanted Him to know how sorry he was and how he wanted to live for Jesus. Three times Peter told Jesus how much he loved Him. Jesus loved Peter right where he was.

Later Peter stood up and told many people about Jesus. He was no longer scared of what people would do. He gladly and happily told people about Jesus!

Ask: What are we doing when we lie?

In our story, we learned that Peter lied. When we lie, we sin. That means we have done something wrong. That makes God sad and it separates us from God because He is pure and holy.

Ask: What did God do because of our sin?

God cared about us so much that He made a plan for us to get back to Him and be together with Him. He knew there was only one way to clean up all the bad things we have done. He sent His Son to die for all the bad things we have done. Jesus died on a cross for us. He died for all the sins we have done. Jesus did this so that we could go to Heaven. When we believe in Jesus and trust Him, He does an amazing thing. He erases all the bad things we have done. God does not remember them any more. We are clean and can be with God. All a person has to do is trust Jesus and ask Him to be with you forever. Jesus stays with you and helps you do right. If you sin again, you ask Jesus to forgive you for doing wrong and ask Him to clean up your mistake. He does! That's a real friend.

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Application

Pregunte: ¿Le gustaría que Jesús cambie su vida?

Dios quiere cambiar nuestras vidas y nuestros corazones. Dios quiere que le conozcamos y que conozcamos su amor. Pero Dios no nos lleva a la fuerza. Dios espera que lo invitemos a ser parte de nuestras vidas.

Romanos 10:9-10

Que si confiesas con tu boca que Jesús es el Señor, y crees en tu corazón que Dios lo levantó de entre los muertos, serás salvo. Porque con el corazón se cree para ser justificado, pero con la boca se confiesa para ser salvo.

Romanos 10:9-10 nos dice que tenemos que hacer dos cosas. Primero, confesar con nuestra boca que Cristo es el Señor. Segundo tenemos creer en nuestro corazón que Dios le levantó de los muertos y entonces seremos salvos y tendremos esa nueva vida.

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