

“It Was Not a Good Day” Group Guide

Series: [RE]UNION

Passage: John 18:1-32

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ICEBREAKER:

Have you ever fallen asleep at an awkward time or place that you shouldn't have? Share the story with the group.

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John 18:1-32

1. **Betrayed** by someone very close to him.
2. **Questioned** by the religious leaders.
3. **Denied** by one of his disciples.
4. **Ignored** by the authorities.



Learning His Way

(Every week in these studies, we will ask questions about the Scriptures that try to help us Discover the unique Way of Jesus that is found in the text.)

1. Read John 18:1-32.
2. Now read these cross-reference passages: Matthew 26:47-50; Matthew 26:51-56; Mark 14:51-52; and Luke 22:51.
3. What is the importance and impact of Jesus' statement in verse 5?
4. How did Peter take a stand for Jesus? How did Peter fail to take a stand?
5. Why do you think Jesus was arrested in a quiet secluded place and at night?



Forming His Heart

(This is the part of the study where we work on our hearts. "How does my character need to grow and change because of this passage?")

6. Put yourself in the place of Jesus on this night. How would your reactions differ from those of Jesus when He was betrayed, questioned, denied, and ignored?
7. In what ways are you more like Peter than you wish you were?
8. Jesus was not guilty and He knew what was about to happen to Him. What does this tell you about Him and about His relationship with the Father? How does this impact you?



Joining His Mission

(This is the part of the study that we ask, "What would God want us to do because of this passage?")

9. Read Psalm 139:23-24. Spend a few minutes in quiet reflection. Ask for God's leadership towards His will (where everlasting life can be experienced).
10. No matter the situation, Jesus never ceased to be Lord. Share with the group areas where you try to control instead of trusting in His Lordship. Pray for each other.