The Kingdom Culmination: Don't Back Down Matthew 26:57-75

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Don't back down from your witness because...

False claims about Jesus Christ can never be validated (57-61)

Jesus Christ's Lordship cannot be refuted (62-68)

Your personal failures demonstrate your need for Christ (69-75)

Questions for Discussion:

What are some of the Bible stories that non-Christians question as to their validity? What are some of the lies that non-Christians attribute to Christ? What are some of the truths concerning Christ the non-Christians question? How would you as a Christian respond to them?

How would you share the gospel with them? What verses from the Bible would you use?

Pastor Jeff listed five things Peter did wrong leading up to Christ's crucifixion:

- -Rejected God's Word: "I will never fall away."
- -Was filled with pride: "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You."
- -Acted spiritually immature: "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?"
- -Was impulsive and self-centered: He drew out his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest.
- -Denied Christ: "I do not know the man."

Can you identify with any of these things?

If so, which ones?

Are there things "the accuser of the brethren" (Rev 12:10) uses to try to silence you from sharing Christ? If so, what?

What would it look like for you to turn that into something good for sharing the gospel?