

THE NIGHT THEY BOUND THE SAVIOR

(March 11, 2018)

(John 18)

Small Group Study Notes

Getting to know you: One of Jesus' favorite spots to rest and recuperate was the Garden of Gethsemane. Tell us about your favorite place.

❖ **Jesus' Betrayal (John 18:1-14)**

- 1) Have you ever had a friend betray (turn on) you? No names but describe what happened. How does knowing Jesus dealt with this help you?
- 2) Jesus steps out to meet His aggressors and in so doing protects His disciples. Have you ever had to protect your family or a friend from an aggressor? Tell us about it.
- 3) John writes so we might know who Jesus is. What does His answer reveal?
- 4) Peter grabs his sword and cuts a man's ear off. Tell of a time when you reacted in the flesh and God's Spirit instructed you to calm down.

❖ **Peter's Denial (John 18:15-27)**

- 5) We all fail spiritually at times. Would you be vulnerable enough to tell of a time when you disappointed God and yourself?
- 6) Do you think Peter thought of his failure every time he heard a rooster crow? Why do you think it is hard to let go of our past and move on?
- 7) It's hard to see someone we love treated unfairly. They bound Jesus... Temple guard slapped Jesus. Did the angels in heaven flinch...grab their "swords"? Have you ever had to restrain yourself from taking action when someone you loved was mistreated?

❖ **Jesus' Trial (John 18:28-40)**

- 8) People often play religious games...putting on a front but not genuinely or sincerely seeking God. In what ways do you see this today?
- 9) Have you ever been put in an uncomfortable predicament? How did you handle it?
- 10) How have you seen evil cheered and righteousness ridiculed in our day? Give an example?

CLOSE:

- What questions do you have about this passage?
- What emotions does this chapter stir up?
- What one thing will you put into practice?