The Life Of Peter

Lesson Six: Peter On The Night Before The Crucifixion

Lesson Aim: To understand what Peter did and said during these very tension-

filled hours and to meditate on how we would have reacted

Lesson Texts: John 13:1-11; Mark 14:27-31; Mark 14:32-42; John 18:2-12;

Mark 14:33-54; 66-72

1. Peter at the Last Supper

- a. Read John 13:1-11
- b. Who is present for this event?
- c. What three things did Jesus know?
- d. What did Jesus do for his disciples? What would be the reason for the need?
- e. How did Peter react to this?
- f. Why do you suppose that Peter refused to allow Jesus to do this?
- g. How did Peter attempt to show his eagerness to be a part with Jesus?
- h. Why did Jesus do this for his disciples?

2. Peter's Stated Commitment

- a. Read Mark 14:27-31
- b. What prophecy does Jesus quote?
- c. What commitment did Peter make?
- d. What did Jesus predict and how did Peter react to this?

3. Peter in the Garden

a. Read Mark 14:32-42

- b. Which apostles went further into the Garden with Jesus?
- c. What did Jesus say to them?
- d. What did Jesus do when he went a little further?
- e. What did he find the apostles doing when he returned?
- f. Who did Jesus specifically address and what did he say to him?

4. Peter and the Arrest of Jesus

- a. Read John 18:2-12
- b. Describe the scene of Jesus' arrest.
- c. How did Jesus show his willingness to be arrested?
- d. How did Peter try and make good on his previous commitment?
- e. How did Jesus rebuke Peter?

5. Peter in the House of the High Priest

- a. Read Mark 33-54; 66-72
- b. How did Peter get into the High Priest's house? (see John 18:15-16)
- c. With whom was Peter associating in the courtyard?
- d. What reasons can you give for Peter's denials?
- e. How did Peter reinforce his denials?
- f. What caused Peter to realize what he had done? (see also Luke 22:61)
- g. How did Peter react to what he had done? What does this tell us?