

Eastridge Church  
Sermon Study Questions

Series - Mark: The Untold Story of Jesus

Week 48: Desperado

Passage: Mark 14:26-31



Conversation Starter:

*Are you a fan of Western movies? If so, what is one of your favorites and why?*

**Re-read Mark 14:26-31**

Pastor Dwain stated that being religious is no guarantee for following the way of Jesus. What are some key differences between being religious and being a devoted follower? How do we guard against simply going through the motions of being religious?

This passage highlights the difficult truth that no matter how close someone is to Jesus, they can fail. We do not have to look far to see this to be true in the lives of Christian leaders around the world, but also within our own lives. What is difficult to accept about this truth? Even though it is difficult, this truth can also be very comforting. Why is it that this difficult truth can also a comfort to us?

As believers we know that God will not allow us to remain in the same place if we draw close to Him. Part of that process involves the Holy Spirit revealing things within our lives that need to be given over or abandoned all together. Spend some time reflecting on areas that you have been challenged in. Share what some of those areas are so that you can encourage each other with the growth you have experienced. If there are areas you feel challenged in now, share one of those as well so that you know better how to pray for each other.

Finally, Pastor Dwain challenged us to “adopt the attitude that Peter ultimately did”. Read 1 Peter 5:6-11. This passage gives us a glimpse into what Peter’s attitude ultimately became. Take some time as a group to discuss what this attitude looks like and share practical things you can do to adopt it.

*Close your time in prayer. Thank God for His grace and mercy. Thank Him that no matter what failures may be a part of our lives, He never closes the door on a relationship with Him if we cling to the truth of who Jesus is and press on in our devotion to Him.*