

Stay Close To Jesus

Series: Just Show Me Jesus!

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Text: Mark 14:53-73

'Peter followed him at a distance, right into the high priest's courtyard. He was sitting with the temple police, warming himself by the fire.'
(v. 54)

Introduction

*Often we _____ what we can do.

*We _____ what God can do.

*We underestimate what God can do _____ us.

Stay Close to Jesus

1. When you don't stay close to Jesus, you follow him at a _____.

- You don't _____ His voice like you used to.
- You aren't as _____ as you need to be.
- You see a lot of _____ things besides Jesus.

2. When you don't stay close to Jesus, you get wrapped up in _____ needs.

- You care _____ about your needs.
- You are _____ concerned with _____ concerns.
- You care more about _____ than others.

3. When you don't stay close to Jesus, you _____ things you _____ thought you would do.

- You _____ from the Lord.
- You find it a _____ to follow the Lord.
- You may _____ the Lord.

Conclusion

When you stay close to Jesus:

- It affects the _____ you make.
- It affects the _____ you experience.
- It affects the _____ of your life!

Questions for Small Groups:

- Have you ever been close to Jesus?
- When were some of the times you were closest to Him?
- What do you remember about that?
- What did you learn in those moments, days, weeks . . . ?
- What tends to cause people (you) to drift from the Lord?
- Why do we sometimes follow at a distance?
- When and why do we focus on our needs?
- How do we deny Christ?
- How can we live so as not to fall away from the Lord?
- What is your goal this week to stay close to Jesus?

Memory Verse

'Love God, all you saints; God takes care of all who stay close to him, But he pays back in full those arrogant enough to go it alone.'
Psalm 31:23, *The Message*

'I follow close to You; Your right hand holds on to me.' Psalm 63:8

All scripture verses are from the Holman Christian Standard Bible unless otherwise noted