



All Christians' Fellowship International

INTERACTIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

TOPIC: Jesus, You're Under Arrest!

TEXT: John 18:1-27

Instructions - *Let the above passages be read each time you come together to study this topic so that everyone could participate fully. The teacher should provide additional background information on the topic and come up with follow-up questions. Participants should be brief in their responses and use relevant Bible references to illustrate their points. They should be careful not to dominate the discussion to allow everyone to have an equal opportunity to participate.*

Introduction: Most of us would hate the thought of being arrested and brought to trial. If we were guilty of a crime, being arrested would be humiliating. But if we were innocent, it would be devastating. Yet in what should have been a demeaning experience for Jesus, we see again his majesty and glory. Jesus uses an experience of attack, betrayal, and abandonment to demonstrate his confident trust in the Father. His calm assurance will help us face life's hurts and injustices with the same trust in the same Father

Discussion Questions:

1. How would you respond if a group of people falsely accused you of a crime and even called the police to have you arrested?
2. Read John 18:1-14. Jesus being God, why would he go to a place where Judas knew he might be found (v. 1-3)?
3. When the soldiers say they are seeking Jesus of Nazareth, Jesus replies "I am he" (lit. "I am"; v. 5). How would you explain the reaction of the soldiers (v. 6)?
4. If you had been one of Jesus' disciples, what feelings would you have had when the soldiers arrived at the garden? Discuss.
5. Based on Peter's reaction (v. 10), what were his feelings? Discuss.
6. What insight do Peter's action and Jesus' rebuke (v. 11) give you about our attempts at times to "help God out" in our own strength and wisdom? Discuss.
7. Read John 18:15-27. Think back to the deepest sin of your life. How does a look at your own sin change your attitude toward Peter's denial of Jesus?
8. What contrasts do you see between Jesus' and Peter's response to this crisis? What factors made the difference in each man's response?

9. When your faith or commitment to Christ is challenged, which of the two men are you most like? Explain.

10. What can we learn from Peter 's failure about being ready to stand against the world 's challenges?

11. Can you identify the specific events in this passage that displays (a) Jesus' courage, (b) his power and (c) his obedience to the Father? Which attitude of Jesus in this section impresses you most and why?

12. Discuss how this study can change the way you will face a time of testing in your own life?