

Transformed by Faith, Part 11

Practice makes perfect

Pastor Miles McPherson – December 10-11, 2005

Mark 14:66-72



Walking with Jesus will certainly bring **pressure** to deny Him. Practicing specific disciplines will **strengthen** you against the **temptation** of denying Christ in your life.

Three ways to perfect the practicing of your faith

1. Practice defending your faith by regularly explaining what you believe.

2. Practice being a faithful friend by being accountable to someone for your faith.

3. Practice the presence of God in your life pursuing a daily God experience.

Homework: Complete the questions on the back and bring this lesson plan with you to small group this week.

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Homework Questions

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1. Pastor Miles explained three categories of denial. What do these categories of denial “look like” in your life? Give an examples using the following three categories:

Denial of knowledge or ignorance _____

Denial of association with disciples _____

Denial of relationship with Jesus _____

2. Confessing Christ in our lives is the opposite of denying Christ. Consider these stories of Joshua, Daniel, Peter and Jesus’ anointment at Bethany. **Joshua 24:14-27; Daniel 6; Acts 2:14-41; Mark 14:1-11** What do these examples teach us about confessing Christ in our lives? What does “confessing Christ” look like in action?

3. Be prepared to give an answer to anyone. Jot down a personal experience, factual experience and Biblical evidence that refutes the **common criticism of faith: I’m a good person. I don’t need a Savior.**

Personal Experience – What have you personally experienced that would refute this statement? _____

Factual Experience – What do you observe or know to be true about the world that would refute this statement? _____

Biblical Evidence - What does the Bible say about this statement?

Matthew 7:13; John 3:16, 17:3; Romans 3:22-23, 4:25, 6:23, 11:6; 2 Corinthians 4:4, 11:14; Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 5:8
