KINGDOM of HEAVEN

A SERIES IN THE BOOK OF MATTHEW

Community Group Material – *with Jenny Young*

Matthew 26:69-27:10

Week of Sunday 27th October

Peter and Judas respond

Leader Preparation

Pray for every member of your group. Ask God to give you skill and discernment in leading the group.

Read the passage in 2 different translations

Group Time:

Think of a time when an object, sound, smell or taste evoked a memory, good or bad. Share with the group.

Did you experience God in any unusual places or situations this week?

Exploring the Passage

READ Matthew 26:69-75. Also Luke 22:54-62

Content

Close your eyes for a minute and imagine the scene. Put yourself in the place of either Peter or one of the bystanders. What do you see? Hear? Taste? Smell? Feel?

If the soldiers had marched Jesus right past Peter (or a bystander) and He had a chance to say one sentence as He passed, what do you think He might have said? Share any new insights you may have.

Have somebody look up the definition of remorse vs repentance. Which do you think Peter felt?

READ Matthew 27:1-10.

People handle pressure in different ways. Can you give some examples from your own life or from your observation of people.

What, in your opinion, is the difference between the way Peter handled moral failure and the way Judas did?

Do you think this fits in with their character as we have seen elsewhere in the Bible?

Matthew is the only Gospel writer who uses the phrase “innocent blood.” If you have time, you can look up one or more of the following scriptures: - Deut 21:6-9; Jonah 1:14; 1 Sam 19:1-5; Psalm 106:38; Why do you think only Matthew uses this turn of phrase?

Delving deeper

What do you think God wants us to learn from this passage?

Are there any steps you will take as a result of what we have learned?

Closing off

How can we support each other as we all have to face various pressures and failures?

Pray along these lines and also for other needs of the group, our country or world.
