

What Happened when Charged? John 18:12-27

Intro: What do you think when you hear the word “charge?” In John 18:12-27 four individuals are charged in different ways.

I. Annas & Caiaphas – Charged with _____ – 18:12-14, 19-24

They failed in their responsibility in the office of high priest.

A. Failure in their _____

B. Failure in their _____ (See John 2:13; 5:16; 7:31, 52; 11:45-53)

C. Failure in their _____

II. Jesus – Charged with _____ – 18:19-23

A. Spoke _____ against the Charge – 18:19-21

B. Stood _____ against the Charge – 18:23

Jesus stood his ground because he had first submitted to the will of the Father, even if it meant suffering for doing good.

III. Peter – Charged with _____ – 18:15-18, 25-27

What happened to Peter when charged with knowing Christ?

A. _____ challenged – Doubt

B. _____ entered – Dominant

Illustrate: Is your heart properly insulated?

C. _____ won – Derailed

Applications:

1. We are charged with the _____ to be representatives of God.
2. As Christ followers we are charged to _____ being conformed to the pattern of this world.
3. We are charged as Christ followers to _____ Christ. Can the people that know you best make the charge that you are a Christian?

Small Group Study Questions

Develop

1. If given a choice, is your preference to be in charge or to defer it to someone else? Why?

Dig

1. What was the primary responsibility of the high priest in Israel?
2. Read John 2:13-16; 5:16; 7:51-52; 11:53. Based on these verses, in what ways did Annas and Caiaphas fail in their responsibility?
3. What is the difference between religious tradition and truth? Which one was Jesus charged with rejecting?
4. What are some areas in today's church culture that might confuse truth and tradition? What is the best way to decipher which is which?
5. Why do you think that all four gospel writers included the account of Peter's denial of knowing Jesus?
6. How does faith in God's sovereignty, power, promise, or love; and faith in the Scriptures keep doubts in check during challenging times?
7. Feelings are not wrong, but they should not dominate our decision making. Why is this?
8. The flesh is that part of us that does not want to please God. What does "The flesh is so weak that it is powerful" mean? How do we keep the flesh from controlling our lives? (Galatians 5:16-26).

Do

1. What is an important lesson that you learned from this message, and how can you apply it to your life?