

Review:

Lesson 1: Life-changing Failure

## Restoration and Truth John 18:33-40

*The restoration Jesus offers each of us (and all of us) begins with a very personal question: what do I believe about Jesus? At this particular crossroads, it just doesn't matter what our family or our friends believe...\_\_\_\_\_ to each of us.*

**Discussion 1. Spiritual restoration begins with the same question for all of us: what do I believe about Jesus? Do you recall when you first answered that question publicly? If so, what details do you remember about it?**

*If Jesus is not whom he says he is, then his crucifixion and resurrection are meaningless; our \_\_\_\_\_ all hinges upon his kingship.*

**Discussion 2. Do you think it matters whether our secular leaders (government, corporate, etc.) have an awe or respect for God? Why or why not?**

*The spiritual restoration Jesus made possible for us is necessarily grounded in truth; without utter and complete \_\_\_\_\_, there can be no restoration.*

**Discussion 3. Why do you suppose truth is so critical to restoration? Or, why is genuine restoration so dependent upon absolute truth? In this context, what is the difference between "truth" and "certainty"? Why does that distinction matter?**

*Neither Jesus nor the restoration he offers has anything at all to do with political correctness. So, it is the height of irony that God chose to use political correctness to bring about his crucifixion and the \_\_\_\_\_ it made possible.*

**Discussion 4. God used Judas' betrayal, Peter's failure, the Pharisees' envy, and Pilate's political correctness to accomplish His will: Jesus' crucifixion. What does that teach us about God's sovereignty? Why is that an important lesson?**

**Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?**