

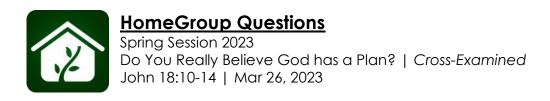
Do You Believe God has a Plan?

SERIES: Cross-Examined

What was Peter thinking!?!?!

John 18:10-14

- What do we do when God's plan isn't obvious?
 - Remember what He promised
 - Look for the ways He <u>IS at work</u>
 - Do what He told you to do
 - Realize He is doing something bigger than you're focused on



- 1. Is there something recently you tried to fix that only made matters worse? What was it?
- 2. Read John 18:10-14 and review the message. Put in your own words what you think Peter was thinking.
- 3. What do you think Malchus' impression of Peter (vs. 10) would have been? Now look at Luke 22:51 which records the same incident. How do you think Malchus' impression of Jesus changed?
- 4. Considering Luke 22:51, what does this tell us about Jesus' ministry when we, His people, take His plan into our own hands?
- 5. Why is it so easy for us to be like Peter and try to help God out? When should we? When shouldn't we?
- 6. God surprisingly used Caiaphas, the high priest, as a prophet even though he was opposing Jesus (see John 18:14 and compare John 11:46-53). What does this say about God and His work even through those who oppose Him?
- 7. How could reflecting on Jesus' question, "Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?" help give more meaning to Easter this year?
- 8. Review the four final points at the bottom of the outline. What was helpful? Which could you put into practice this week?
- 9. How can your group pray for you?