**Going deeper in Mark 14:27-31**

**“Scandal & Rejection”**

**INTRODUCTION**

Jesus has told the disciples that one of the them will betray Him. They have eaten the Passover meal together although Jesus has changed it to put the focus on what He will do on the cross. They have left upper room and are on the way to the Mount of Olives when Jesus says this.

**READ** – *Read (passage) aloud. Read it several times. Listen for what the Spirit of God is saying, don’t just think about it.* 27 Jesus said to them, “All of you are going to be made to stumble badly tonight. You will feel like it is all my fault. The Scripture says,

I will strike the shepherd;

The sheep will be scattered.

28 But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you leading the way to Galilee.” 29 Peter blurted out, “Even if all the rest of them stumble badly, I won’t.” 30 Jesus said, “Don’t be so sure. In fact, on this very night before the rooster crows you will refuse to acknowledge me three times.” 31 But Peter emphatically protested, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you.” All the others said the same thing.

**ENGAGE** – *Questions for going deeper. God is speaking… to you.*

1. Why do you think the disciples might feel like what will happen is Jesus’ fault?

2. Where in your life right now do you need Jesus to lead the way?

3. What is so important about Galilee (see Mark 16:7)?

4. Why do you think Peter took it personally when Jesus says the disciples will desert Him?

5. If you had been Peter how would you feel if Jesus said you would deny Him three times?

**PRAY** – *God has spoken. So, reply.*

\*Praise the Lord Jesus for his sacrificial love for you.

\*Ask for his forgiveness and grace in the ways that you have denied him.

\*Galilee is a place for renewal and restoration. Thank him for providing a Galilee for you.

**LIVE** – *This is where the rubber hits the road.*

Jesus promises restoration and renewal even in rejection and denial. Will you be honest with Jesus, seek forgiveness, and trust in his restoration and renewal in your life this week?