**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**JOHN – LESSON 18**

**John 18:1-40**

1. What was significant to you from last week’s lesson?

Day 1 - Read John 18:1-11

2. a. Describe the location and special details of the events prior to Jesus’ arrest as found in these Scriptures:

John 18:1

Matthew 26:36-45

Luke 22:39-46

b. The Bible has two garden scenes that prompt us to reflection. Compare and/or contrast the gardens.

Garden of Eden Gethsemane

3. In John 18:2-6, the soldiers came forcefully and armed, yet fell to the ground when Jesus appeared. Why do you think they did that?

4. a. In a sudden flash of impulsive desperation, what did Peter do? (Note Luke 22:51)

b. Like Peter we sometimes lash out at circumstances without trusting Jesus to handle the real problem. Write Psalm 143:10, 11. (Read aloud in your group.) Trust Jesus!

Day 2 – Read John 18:12-18

5. a. Who was Annas?

b. Who was Caiaphas?

6. a. Why was the disciple with Peter allowed to enter the high priest’s courtyard?

b. What happened while Peter had to wait outside the gate?

c. How do you think feeling “out in the cold,” either physically or emotionally, makes you vulnerable to use by Satan?

Day 3 – Read John 18:19-24

7. a. What claim did Jesus make concerning His teaching?

b. Why could the officials fear an open hearing at this time, in your opinion?

8. How did the officials respond?

9. a. What was Jesus’ challenge to Annas and the officer?

b. Unable to respond, what action did they take?

Day 4 – Read John 18:25-27

10. a. How did Peter come into temptation?

b. What provision do you recall that Jesus made previously for him to avoid this?

c. What lesson from this can we apply to ourselves?

d. What should we remember from these Scriptures?

1 Corinthians 10:12, 13

James 4:4-7

11. Why do you think Peter would have reason to fear the crowd?

12. Jesus had told Peter (Mark 14:38) “the spirit is willing, but the body is weak.” What despair Peter must have felt as hear heard the rooster crow! Read Psalm 103:8-14 and select a line or phrase that would lift Peter (or you) to renewed strength.

Day 5 – Read John 18:28-40

13. The Jews were afraid of ceremonial defilement in today’s reading. In what ways did they morally defile themselves?

14. a. Pilate was afraid of involvement. In what ways did he attempt to avoid the situation?

b. What is your personal opinion about Pilate?

15. What did Jesus say about His Kingship?

16. a. What choice did Pilate ask the Jews to make?

b. Remember 1 Peter 3:15. In witnessing, you have asked your listener to make a choice for Jesus now. He responds, “I’ll think about it and do it later.” What do you say?

17. Share some of your thoughts about Barabbas.

18. Write a sentence or two that expresses joy in the fact that Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world.”