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GIVE INTO PEOPLE PRESSURE

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2 Corinthians 10:12 We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise.

The Attitude of Classifying.

Judges 13:1-5, 14:1-3

The Deception of Comparing.

Judges 13:1-5, 14:1-3

The Pressure of Commending.

Judges 16:16, 20, 2 Corinthians 10:18

Growth Group Homework - November 10, 2019

Warm-Up

1. Do you have any pictures or family photos that you look back at and laugh? What's the story?
2. What were some fashion or style trends you have adopted through the years because your peers thought they were cool?

Talk It Over

3. Looking back at your notes from this week's message, what did you find most challenging or helpful?

4. In Luke 22, we find a story where the Apostle Peter experiences pressure. Read Luke 22:31-34 and Luke 22:54-62. What catches your attention? How do the main points from Sunday's message show up in this story?

- What are some of the pressures that influence Peter denying Jesus? Based on his response, what would you say was most important to him in the moment?

- In verse 33, Peter states his good intentions. Can you think of a time when you had good intentions, but when you encountered pressure, had trouble following through? What happened?

5. Read Acts 4:1-13. Peter has a very different response to pressure. Compare Acts 4 with the Luke 22 story. What are the similarities and differences between the pressure he faced and his response?

6. As a church, one of our values is *Faith Inspires Courage*. In what ways does this value show up in the story of Peter? What do you think helped him live out this value in the Acts 4 story?

- Has there been a time when your faith in God moved you to take a step of courage? What was it? How did others respond?

Take It Home

7. Where in your life are you encountering pressure? What would it look like to choose the value *Faith Inspires Courage* in that area?