

Goldstone Church
Small Group Questions
Matthew 26:69-75

For Starting

- What is one thing you like to do when you have free time?
- Share about a purchase that you made sometime in your life that you regret.
- What is one probing question which you dislike being asked?
- How do you normally react to God during difficult times?

For Reviewing

- Where was Peter when he first denied Jesus (v.69)?
- Who heard Peter's first denial (v.70)?
- Where was Peter when he denied Jesus a 2nd time (v.71)?
- How did Peter emphasise his second denial (v.72)?
- Who made the third accusation against Peter (v.73)? See John 18:26. What was different about this accusation?
- How did Peter deny Jesus' divinity (v.74)?
- What occurs that reminds Peter of Jesus' prophecy that he will deny the Lord three times (v.75)?

For Discussion

- What do you think are the biggest barriers that keep people from sharing Christ with unbelievers?
- Peter went from being a coward to a fearless leader of the early church who was martyred for his faith. Share about a time when you were in a spiritual valley (like Peter) but, as a result, you experienced significant spiritual growth.
- Peter was derailed by a servant girl. Who / what derails you?
- How comfortable are you with the thought that God knows you inside and out? How do you respond to this truth?
- How good are you at declaring your faith when you are not in church? What would improve this situation?
- Do you think failing God excludes someone from being used by God in the future? Why or why not?
- You could end by reading together Matthew 26:75.

Matthew 26:69-75 (NIVUK)

Peter Disowns Jesus

⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said.

⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said.

⁷¹ Then he went out to the gateway, where another girl saw him and said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth."

⁷² He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the man!"

⁷³ After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them, for your accent gives you away."

⁷⁴ Then he began to call down curses on himself and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!"

Immediately a cock crowed. ⁷⁵ Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "Before the cock crows, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.