

# Forefront Small Group Study



**Current Series:** Peter: The Unlikely Leader

**This Week:** Peter's Denial of Jesus

**Main Idea:** Peter swore he would never deny Jesus. But the same man who walked on water and declared Jesus as Messiah cursed, denied, and ran. Peter had failed—badly. But what makes Peter's story powerful isn't his failure—it's what Jesus did with it. Jesus would later restore him and still use him to preach the first sermon of the Church. Why? Because grace doesn't give up when we fall. So here's the question: Where in your life have you let failure convince you that God is done with you? If Jesus wasn't finished with Peter, He's not finished with you. Let your failure be the place His grace rebuilds your future.

**Icebreaker:**

If you were in a tough situation, who would you want standing next to you?



**Do you need some? We'd like to help.  
When reading the Bible, try this:**

1. Read the passage.
2. Observe what the passage is talking about.
3. Apply it to your life.
4. Pray for God to help you apply this daily.
5. Take some notes on what you're learning.

## NEXT STEPS

**Here is a good way to walk this out in your daily life over the next week:**

**This 7-day Bible reading and devotional plan** is not for the settled and the steady and secure in their faith, or for the atheist. This plan is for doubting Thomases and denying Peters. For the believer who does not understand why things appear as they are. For the believer who isn't sure if they can keep believing yet still longs to know Jesus better.

## GROUP STUDY

**Read [Matthew 26:69–75](#)**

1. What do Peter's repeated denials reveal about the fear and pressure he was under in that moment?
2. How might we respond similarly when our faith is challenged in difficult situations?

**Read [Mark 14:66–72](#)**

3. Why do you think Peter, who had boldly claimed he would never fall away, denied Jesus so quickly and forcefully?
4. How do fear and the desire for self-protection play a role in Peter's actions?
5. In what situations are you tempted to stay silent about your faith?

**Read [Luke 22:54–62](#)**

6. Peter followed Jesus "at a distance." What does it look like to follow Jesus at a distance today, and how does that affect our courage and faithfulness?

**Read [John 18:15–18, 25–27](#)**

7. Despite Peter's failure, Jesus later restores him (John 21). What does this passage teach us about Jesus' grace even when we fall short?
8. Why do you think this story is included in all four Gospels?

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