

Home Group Discussion Guide

Peter's Denial: Shame Laid Bare – Mark 14:27-31; 66-72

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The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.

*The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.*

Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked, instead respond to the needs of your group. If you have new people in your group, take the opportunity to introduce each other and clarify any expectations that are present in your group (such as confidentiality).

GETTING STARTED

1. How do you naturally react when you realize you've made a public mistake or a social blunder?
2. Was there a particular moment in the story of Peter's denial that felt especially relatable or challenging to you?

REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

Key Scripture: Mark 14:27-31; 66-72

Consider Mark 14:27-31

1. Why do you think Peter was so emphatic that he would never desert Jesus, even when Jesus told him plainly that he would?
2. Jesus tells the disciples they will fall away but then promises to meet them in Galilee (v. 28). What does this tell us about Jesus' perspective on their coming failure?

Consider Mark 14:66-72

3. When the rooster crowed, Peter "broke down and wept." What is the difference between healthy godly sorrow and the kind of shame that paralyzes us?
4. What do the specific lessons we learn from Peter's response to his guilt (mourning, staying in community, heading toward Jesus) look like in our world?

RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

1. Is there an area of your life where you have been "ruminating" on a past failure? What would it look like to "face it" and mourn it before God this week?
2. Which of the "lessons in responding" (mourning sin, staying in community, heading toward Jesus, confessing to others) do you find most difficult to practice? Why?
3. What will it practically look like to engage with this this week?

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.

