

Getting to Know Each Other.

Share light refreshments. Go around the group and introduce yourselves and talk through this question: “?” *

Follow up. Did you get to share with someone about Jesus this past week?
Or how else did you obey Jesus?

Vision. Jesus told us to “Make disciples.” The purpose of our Life Group is: To help people become Believers in Jesus and grow up to become Disciple Makers.

Bible Study Introduction. After hearing Jesus say that He was the Messiah, the Jewish Counsel convicted Jesus of blasphemy and deserving the death penalty. Then some men began spitting on Jesus, mocking, and beating Him. Meanwhile, Peter was warming himself by a fire with the guards.

Pray. Before we read the Scripture, let’s pray that God will speak to each one of us.

Read. We will read through the passage two times and then discuss it, so listen carefully. Get two people to read **Mark 14:66-72.** **

Discuss these questions, one at a time, encouraging everyone who wants to respond to do so. Remind the group: Keep your answers based just on this passage.

1. What stands out or surprises you in this passage?
2. What does it show us about people and choices we can make?
 - Earlier that same evening, Peter had confidently said, “Even if I have to die with You, I will never deny You”(v. 31). What do Peter’s denials show about him? How about us?
 - Read verse 53-54. How do you think Peter may have felt about sitting with some of the same men who had just arrested Jesus?
 - How do you think being among “bad company” affected Peter’s boldness?
 - What is a situation where you tend to be a “silent Christian” rather than speaking up about Jesus?
3. What does this passage show us about God?
 - If this was your first time to hear this story, what might you guess would happen to Peter after this huge failure?
 - Read Luke 22:31-32. What does this show about Jesus? What does it show about Jesus’ plans for Peter (and for us)?
 - What is God saying to you through this?

Obeying Jesus. As disciples of Jesus, we want to follow Jesus in whatever way He is leading us today. As we pray silently for 30 seconds, see if God speaks to your heart. Pray something like this:
“Lord Jesus, what do you want me to do with what You are showing me today?” [30 sec. silent prayer]

Remember to obey what God is saying to you. And this week ask God who He wants you to talk with about Jesus. Let’s close in prayer.

Closing Prayer.

Pray something like: “Lord, prepare the hearts of the people we will be sharing the Good News of Jesus with this week. And give us strength and joy as we follow You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

** If there are no new people, you can skip the “icebreaker.”*
*** Reading from different translations often helps.*