

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For week of July 25, 2021

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

DIGGING DEEPER

Have you ever denied Jesus outright to someone in your life? Would you share the circumstances to people in your group?

Have you ever hidden your faith in Jesus from other people, at work, at school, in your neighborhood, etc.? Was it difficult to come out from hiding after a period of time went by? Explain.

Describe a time where you stood with the world instead of standing with Jesus.

Do you feel like you are prepared to face the temptations of this world as you follow Jesus? Are you really prepared as things get more difficult here in the USA to make a stand for Jesus and not deny him?

Kirk mentioned three areas he saw that lead to Peter's denials. Do any of these apply to your life right now?

- Peter was overconfident in himself. Is this you?
- Peter failed to pray. Does this describe your life?
- Peter followed Jesus at a distance. Where would you place yourself right now?

How can those in your group help you live for Jesus every day?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Tips on Group Prayer

WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request. Once a request is introduced, the group focuses on that request. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

PRAY MORE THAN ONCE

Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray out loud.

WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT & SIMPLE

Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused, and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missionaries of the Month Please pray for Ed and Ruth Scott as they serve with the Navigators.

Small Groups will be starting again soon! If you would like to join one, fill out a connection card noting your interest, or contact John LeBlanc by e-mailing john@wpcchurch.org.

Small Group Leader Training Does this peak your interest? Sign up on our website to learn more about hosting or leading a Small Group here at Community Church.



The Gospel of John---That You May Believe

Three Denials and a Trial

John 18:12-27 (ESV) Kirk Greenstreet July 25, 2021

1. Jesus is Arrested
2. Peter's First Denial of Jesus
3. The Interrogation of Jesus before Annas
4. Peter's Second and Third Denials of Jesus
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 - Peter followed Jesus at a distance