

# Lent 6: Would you deny Jesus?

## Discussion group questions

Luke 22:39-62

Leaders – choose carefully. Some questions pick up similar themes, **so work out what is best for your group.**

- Was there anything from the passage or the sermon that stood out to you in a new way, or something you're still processing or didn't quite understand?

### 1. Bold and Confident

1. Peter's confidence in Luke 22:33 seems admirable, even commendable. But was it misplaced? How do we discern the difference between faith-filled confidence and self-reliance in our own walk with Jesus?
2. When do you most feel spiritually bold?
3. Jesus calls his followers to take up their cross (Luke 9:23). What's the difference between being *willing* to die for Jesus in theory and actually living for him in costly ways?
4. Are there areas of your life where you boldly declare allegiance to Christ, yet struggle to follow through when it becomes difficult?

### 2. Scared and Shattered

5. Peter's denial wasn't in front of powerful leaders but a servant girl. Why do you think fear took over in that moment?
6. Can you share with the group a time when you have denied knowing Jesus or being a Christian or have remained silent instead of sharing you know and love the Lord?
7. Sometimes we imagine the cost of following Jesus is greater than it actually is. Where do you see this happening in the church today? Where do you see it in your own life?
8. When have you felt deep regret over failing to stand for Jesus? How did you respond to that regret?

### 3. Loved and Restored

9. Why do you think Jesus asks Peter three times 'do you love me'? What do we learn from this incident about sin and failure?
10. Jesus doesn't merely forgive Peter; he restores him and entrusts him with responsibility (John 21:15-17). What does this reveal about the way Jesus deals with failure?
11. Have you ever seen God use your past failures for his glory?
12. How does knowing Jesus' grace free us to be bolder for him moving forward?
13. Peter's story reminds us that failure is not the end, but a turning point. How does that shape the way we view our own spiritual journey?

### Reflection on Lenten series

14. Throughout this series, we've examined tough questions about faith, obedience, and self-examination. Which question has unsettled or challenged you the most? Why?
15. What's one practical step you can take this Easter to live with greater courage and devotion to Christ?

*Dear Father, Loving Heavenly Father, often we are bold about Jesus before our Christian friends and then say nothing when with those who don't follow you. Forgive us. Aware of your restoring grace as we see in Peter's story, give us boldness and confidence so that we care less about how others might react. As Holy week begins and we approach Easter, deepen again our grasp on Jesus' death and resurrection, so that as we see both the gore and the glory of these two events, our love and devotion to you will grow all the more. Help us to reflect on all we have seen over Lent and continue to shape and transform us, in Jesus' name. Amen.*