



## **Opening**

- **Weekly Christian Formation**
- **Question 48** \*What is the church?
- **Answer.** God chooses and preserves for himself a community elected for eternal life and united by faith, who love, follow, learn from, and worship God together. God sends out this community to proclaim the gospel and prefigure Christ's kingdom by the quality of their life together and their love for one another.
- **Scripture Reference. 2 Thessalonians 2:13**

## **March 17 Sermon - Study Questions**

- **John 18:15-40**
- Pray for God's wisdom to rightly understand the passage
  
- **Questions**
  1. How would you summarize the theme of this passage?
  2. What purpose does Jesus give for Himself in this passage?
  3. How does the purpose of Christ impact us today as His followers?
  4. In this passage, how do we see the sovereignty of God in the midst of injustice? What prophecies are fulfilled in the way these events took place? (verses 14, 27, 32)
  5. What characteristic traits do you see in Peter? How does this contrast with Peter's character in John 18:1-12?

6. How would you describe Jesus in this passage? How does His character contrast that of Peter's character?
7. Why do you think that Peter was bold before the mob and denied Christ before a servant girl? How does this point to our need for the Holy Spirit?
8. In what ways do you fail to proclaim truth? How do these failures point us to our need for Christ?
9. How can you trust God more and proclaim truth?

## **Closing**

- Prayer: Reserve plenty of time to pray for one another.
- Prayer Challenge: Pray that God would provide opportunities for you to share Christ with people.
- Pray that you would make the most of every opportunity (Col 4:2-6).

\*\*Weekly Christian Formation Questions are taken from the New City Catechism