



Lesson Title: Peter's Confession and Denial

Scripture Focus: Matthew 16:13–16

The Lesson in Context

Peter's life is a reminder that God does not require perfection. He is looking for our willingness to be available for His work. Throughout Peter's journey, although we see his many failures and missteps, he remained open to God's calling. This openness is crucial because when we demonstrate our reliability and commitment to God's purpose, He responds by expanding our abilities and influencing our capacity to serve.

Spiritual transformation can take a life like Peter's—filled with mistakes—and make something powerful and useful out of it. Transformation is the progression of covenantal relationship. A life in covenant is a life that is progressing and becoming more like Jesus Christ, moving beyond experience into the heights of what He offers—right relationship right in the middle of the will of God.

Group Discussion

1. Where do your ideas of who Jesus is come from? Are they rooted in God's Word?
2. Where do you find it most difficult to share your faith? How do you still testify there despite the difficulties?
3. If your faith has ever wavered because you could not comprehend the plan of God, how did He reassure you?
4. Why do we still sometimes struggle with our faith even after witnessing the miracles and wonders God works?
5. Besides Simon Peter, who else in Scripture was transformed by the mercy of God? Who else in your life has been transformed by the mercy of God?

My Prayer for the Upcoming Week

How do you want to be different because of what you have experienced today?
