

Flawed but Faithful - The Story of Peter (week 4)

Title: I Won't Deny

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:31-35 & 69-75

Discussion Questions

1. Today we are in the fourth week of our sermon series called Flawed but Faithful (the Story of Peter). Today's scripture reading is Matthew 26:31-35 & 69-75. Here Jesus first predicts Peter's upcoming disowning of Him, and then we read the account of Peter denying knowing Jesus three times as Jesus is on trial. Take time to read this text for yourself. What stands out to you as you read?
2. Peter is so confident about his loyalty before the soldiers show up to arrest Jesus. It can be easy to follow Jesus during easy times, but what about hard times? Can you think of a hard time in your life where you were tempted to doubt who Jesus was or His love for you? How did God reach out to you during that time?
3. Jesus knew that His disciples would scatter once He was arrested, but that didn't mean He had given up on them. As flawed but faithful followers of Jesus we too have a tendency to foolishly walk away from our Savior. One moment we are chasing after Him, and the next we question if all of this is really real. What does this teach us about the love of Jesus?
4. Jesus's love for His disciple didn't fade then, and His love for you won't fade now. His love and care for you has far more to do with who He is than it does with how faithful you prove to be. What does it mean to you to know that Jesus will keep pursuing you even when you are tempted to turn from Him?