

You're Not Far WEEK 6: Fortune Teller (Mark 11:8-11, 18; 12:12-17, 34; 14:1, 12-17, 22-24; 48-50 NIV)

Do you ever feel far from God? It's not uncommon. As it turns out, God is closer than you think. Join us as we study the true story of Simon Peter to explore how you are never far from God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. [ICEBREAKER] Do you have any expectations of your church experience or the church itself?
- 2. Pastor William spoke about the tendency people have to assume the worst when your expectations don't line up with your experiences. Have you ever experienced this during your life?
- 3. When circumstances in your life are challenging, how do you tend to react? Is there anything you do to get yourself back on track? Is there anything you do more or less during those times?
- 4. Have you ever had times in your life when you felt "your faith was replaced with fear"? If not, can you speak to what might have helped you get through those times without fear? Or perhaps, if you felt fear, what might have helped you to move past it?
- 5. What are your thoughts about the phrase "even when I can't see it, He's working"? Have you experienced this in your life?
- 6. Have you ever asked yourself if you have any expectations of God? Do you think those expectations have changed over your lifetime? What might have affected them?

MOVING FORWARD

Have you allowed your circumstances to diminish your faith?

"Then everyone deserted him and fled."
—Mark 14:50 (NIV)