

# PETER

**THE HUMBLER • KEY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE:**  
**Mark 14:27-31, 66-72, John 21**



## **PREPARATION**

Read Peter's story from Scripture as well as the narrative from the workbook to familiarize yourself with it. You also may want to read over the sections below ahead of time and preview the video.



## **OPENING DISCUSSION—5 MINUTES**

Begin your time together by asking these few questions to get everyone thinking.

1. What do you think are some characteristics of a good leader?
2. Have you ever experienced large-scale failure?

## **INTRODUCTION**

Briefly recap Peter's story from scripture with your group. Use the following context to help.

## **HIS CONTEXT—10 MINUTES**

Peter is known for his impulsive, brash behavior. Again and again in the gospels we read stories written by his closest peers that give this image of him. In the gospel of John we see Peter insecure. We see Peter ashamed. We see Peter broken and humbled before the only being seemingly capable of humbling Peter: Jesus.

Some may wonder why Jesus went through all of this with Peter. Why would Jesus choose to build his church upon this rock that so frequently hit others alongside the head? But what we sometimes forget is that being a brash and impulsive person can also be a positive thing. Next time you read the gospels be challenged to see Peter through some new characteristics. Try these: Bold, passionate, eager to serve, loyal.



## **HIS STORY—10 MINUTES**

You may choose to read aloud as a group or listen to the audio of the narrative of Peter or you may have done this before class. Take a few minutes to talk about the narrative. What stood out? What was new information or from a new perspective?

## **THE STORY FINDS ITS PLACE IN ME—15 MINUTES**

Use some or all of these questions as time allows to elicit conversation within the group.

1. Share about a time in your life when you've been humbled and the experience helped you to grow.
2. Can you relate to Peter's personality? Are you more alike him or more unlike him? Are you quick to ask forgiveness when you've done wrong.
3. Have you ever failed someone you loved? Have you ever failed God? How were you able to make amends?

## **VIDEO—10 MINUTES**

Watch the video together and discuss.



## **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

God, we humble ourselves before you today. You have made each one of us differently and we all have different strengths and weaknesses. Help us to grow humbly in you as we navigate using those strengths and offering our weaknesses for your glory. Amen.

