

GROWTH GROUP

Study Guide

John 18:15-18, 25-27 – Cross Examination: Denial by Fire

My Story

1. What is the most pleasant campfire or bonfire experience you have had?

Digging Deeper

2. Compare John 18:15-18, 25-27 with Matt. 26:69-75 and Luke 22:55-65. What are the differences between these narratives? Who were the people that identified Peter, and how did they recognize Him?
3. What possible motive or purpose could Peter and the other disciple have had for following Jesus all the way into the courtyard of the High Priest?

4. Throughout his life as a disciple Peter showed times of great courage, great devotion, great wisdom, and more. What comes to mind when you think of some of Peter's greatest moments? What led Peter from these "Mountain-top Moment" to his denial of Christ?

Reflection

5. What types of situations might tempt you to deny association with Christ?
6. How do you explain the ups and downs of your own spiritual life? If you are comfortable, share an example of both a spiritual low and high point from your own life?

SERMON NOTES

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Taking the Next Step

We will all experience ups and downs in our spiritual lives. Be prepared to forgive yourself, knowing that Jesus is waiting to forgive you and restore you to fellowship.

Praises / Prayer Requests

