

## Part 2 | Peter Denies Jesus Matthew 26:26-75 (69-75)

Jesus saw it **COMING** (v. 30-35)

the bad v. 30-35

the good Luke 22:31-32

that **PETER (& I)** would deny him (v. 69-75, 56)

Peter's denials v. 69-75

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

my denials v. 56; 1 John 2:22-3; Matthew 10:32-33; Titus 1:16

1. DENYING THAT JESUS IS WHO HE SAYS HE IS.
2. DENYING JESUS BEFORE OTHERS.
3. DENYING JESUS IN OUR HYPOCRISY.

yet he died for **HIM (& ME)** anyway.

so strive to endure Matthew 24:12-13; 10:28; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Hebrews 12:1-3ff

he'll help you Jude 24-25; 1 Corinthians 1:8; Philippians 1:6



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## Study Guide Questions & Scripture for Further Study

**What is this?** – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

### Welcome to Life Group!

#### What's Your Story?

Part of our time together is getting to know one another... *For what reasons would you block someone on social media?*

**Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching,** *was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?*

### Digging Deeper

**Use this guide for further personal and group study this week.** For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

1. Pastor Josh mentioned three ways we deny Jesus. Which do you resonate with most? Why?
2. Read and study Luke's account of Peter's denials below. Mark anything that stands out to you, or questions you have. (FYI: [www.gotquestions.org](http://www.gotquestions.org) is often a great resource to get good answer to hard questions in life and the Bible.)
  - **Circle or highlight** any words or phrases that catch your attention.
  - **Underline** what you think is important to remember.
  - **Put an X** next to anything that confuses you.

<sup>54</sup> So they arrested him and led him to the high priest's home. And Peter followed at a distance.

<sup>55</sup> The guards lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter joined them there.

<sup>56</sup> A servant girl noticed him in the firelight and began staring at him. Finally she said, "This man was one of Jesus' followers!" <sup>57</sup> But Peter denied it. "Woman," he said, "I don't even know him!" <sup>58</sup> After a while someone else looked at him and said, "You must be one of them!" "No, man, I'm not!" Peter retorted. <sup>59</sup> About an hour later someone else insisted, "This must be one of them, because he is a Galilean, too." <sup>60</sup> But Peter said, "Man, I don't know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. <sup>61</sup> At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Suddenly, the Lord's words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me." <sup>62</sup> And Peter left the courtyard, weeping bitterly. **LUKE 22:54-62 (NLT)**

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# Welcome to Wawasee!

## OUR MISSION

We are *sent* to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

## YOUR PATHWAY

If you call Wawasee Bible “home”, we challenge you to pursue **three things**:

### 1. Gather



Show up *regularly* and gather with us for worship.

### 2. Grow



Don't just show up, *grow up* spiritually and connect in a growth ministry like Life Groups.

### 3. Go!



Go and serve somewhere. Contribute as much *or more* **than** you consume!

## Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

### Word Find for Matthew 26:69-75 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

<sup>69</sup> Now **Peter** was **sitting** outside in the **courtyard**. And a **servant girl** came up to him and **said**, “You **also** were with **Jesus** the **Galilean**.”<sup>70</sup> But he **denied** it before them all, **saying**, “I do not **know** what you **mean**.”<sup>71</sup> And **when** he **went** out to the **entrance**, another **servant girl** saw him, and she **said** to the **bystanders**, “This man was with **Jesus** of **Nazareth**.”<sup>72</sup> And **again** he **denied** it with an **oath**: “I do not **know** the man.”<sup>73</sup> After a **little** while the **bystanders** came up and **said** to **Peter**, “**Certainly** you too are

one of them, for your **accent betrays** you.”

<sup>74</sup> Then he **began** to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not **know** the man.” And immediately the **rooster** **crowed**.

<sup>75</sup> And **Peter** remembered the **saying** of **Jesus**, “Before the **rooster** **crowed**, you will **deny** me three times.” And he **went** out and wept bitterly.

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## life groups Study Guide (continued)

- We're only told that Peter and John (**John 18:15**) stayed close to see everything that was happening to Jesus. Everyone else fled after he was arrested in the Garden. (**Matthew 26:56**) Does Peter get any credit for his courage to follow him into the city? Do you blame the others for fleeing?
  - Why do you think Peter denied Jesus three times? Do you think it was just fear at play? Have you ever feared to follow Jesus or answer to your others about your faith?
  - Would Jesus's words in **Matthew 10:28** have helped Peter in that moment? Do you think he remembered them later?
- Have you ever experienced a strained relationship with someone after a time of denial or betrayal? Were you able to reconcile or repair the relationship? How?
    - In **John 21:15-19** Jesus and Peter's relationship was restored. Do you think it was hard for Peter to face Jesus again after his resurrection?
  - Study **Hebrews 12:1-3** below.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. <sup>2</sup>We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. <sup>3</sup>Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up. **HEBREWS 12:1-3 (NLT)**

- What's the “*Therefore*” referring to in verse 1? (Hint: **Read Hebrews 11**)
- How do these verses (and Hebrews 11) encourage you to keep going, keep repenting, and keep following Jesus even after times you've failed?

## Prayer

As you close, take time to pray for each other. **Consider dividing into separate groups of men and women** as you share and pray for one another.



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# PETER'S PATH

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## PART 2

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