

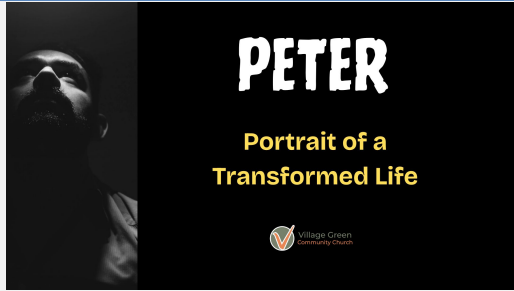
Life Group Study Notes

May 3, 2026

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Epic Meltdown

Matthew 26:69-75



One of the defining moments in the life of Peter is his denial of Jesus, not once but three times. How could someone so committed to Jesus, fail so miserably?

Study – Discovering What the Bible Says

1. What was one key takeaway or lesson from last week's study? Why is it meaningful for you?

Read Matthew 26:69-75 (If time permits, read 26:57-68 for context)

2. How does the setting ("Peter sitting outside in the courtyard" from 26:58) contribute to the unfolding of the narrative? What is significant about Peter's physical distance from Jesus?
3. What do we learn from Peter about a belief that's never been tested?
4. Matthew presents a stark contrast between Jesus and Peter. Jesus is being interrogated by the High Priest and religious officials (Ch. 26), yet Peter is interrogated by whom? What does this contrast teach us about human nature under pressure?

5. What is the progression of Peter's three denials?

From _____ to an _____ and then to _____.

6. How does this pattern repeat itself in our own lives? What does it teach us about the danger of compromise?
7. Why would the early church preserve and circulate such a deeply negative account of one of its key leaders?
8. What is the significance of the rooster crowing and Peter remembering Jesus' words? How does memory function, both personally for Peter, and theologically in this moment?
9. Jesus predicted the denials, but what did *he not do*?
10. Peter "went away, weeping bitterly." What does this teach us about the nature of repentance?
11. What is the one factor that determines if failure leads to transformation, or to bitterness, anger, and regret?
12. Is there anything additional that you would like to add or discuss?

Personal Reflection

1. How does this passage help you to recognize the necessity of continual grace in your walk with Jesus?

Coming Next Week

Re-Formation

John 21:1-23

Part 5

Jesus has a crucial interaction with Peter, who had previously denied Him three times. The encounter highlights themes of redemption and the importance of love and responsibility in following Jesus.

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Additional Notes



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Peter: Portrait of a Transformed Life 10-Part Series

Peter is often recognized for his strong personality and leadership qualities. He was the first disciple to proclaim Jesus as the Messiah. Though recognized for his role as a disciple of Jesus and a leader in the spread of Christianity to the world, his journey from fisherman to a revered Elder was not easy or uncomplicated. Join us as we discover how growing in faith is rarely a straight line and rarely without failure.

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