

Peter's Denial

Read: Mark 14:66-72

Open:

1. As a child, what was one “big” thing you really messed up on: Missing the catch for the final out? Forgetting the crucial line in the school play? Leaving something behind, never to be recovered?
2. After forgetting a name or messing up, what did you do?

Dig:

1. Peter is brave enough to follow Jesus to the high priest's house. Why do you think he now denies Christ? Do you think he realized what he was doing? Why?
2. What qualities has Peter displayed so far? How is Peter still courageous here?
3. How were the three denials similar? Different?
4. In retrospect (see 14:29-31) how does Peter feel?

Reflect:

1. When, if ever, have you felt that your failures had made it impossible for Christ to use you again?
2. What “rooster” reminds you of failure and guilt?
3. What helps you work through the guilt?
4. How does Peter's story both humble and encourage you?