

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

## MARK 14:26-31, 66-72

*Ask for God's Spirit to give you understanding of His Word, eyes to see who He is, conviction and discernment to know how this applies to your life, freedom to speak with humility and honesty before others, as well as love to listen graciously to others. Then read through the passage together before talking through the questions below. Leave time at the end for sharing more specifically how you might need prayer in light of what you discussed, as well as ways you can respond this week.*

### DISCUSSION 1: REVIEW

1. What were some of the reasons in Mark that the Jewish leaders wanted to kill Jesus?
2. How do the events and words of Jesus in prior sections connect with this week's passage?

### DISCUSSION 2: FICKLE FRIENDS

1. What are some things we know about Peter's personality from the gospels?
2. In Mark 14:29-31, what do you think about Peter's verbal response of commitment to Jesus? Is it admirable, naïve, unrealistic, hypocritical, an example of faith, an example of pride, or something else? Why?
3. Jesus knows he will not only die a horrible death on the cross but his closest friends and followers will forsake and deny him. What suffering do you think these thoughts and realities brought on Jesus?

### DISCUSSION 3: DENYING JESUS

1. What are some reasons Peter might have denied Jesus the way he did?
2. What are some things Peter likely felt or thought after his third denial of Jesus?
3. What are ways, big or small, Christians might deny Jesus today?
4. How might this passage caution us from ever thinking we are above faltering in faith or denying Jesus?
5. What are good ways to respond in humility but also prepare now and anchor ourselves in Christ so we don't falter or deny him in our moments of temptation?
6. How can this group encourage one another in our faith so we don't falter?

### NOTES OR PRAYER REQUESTS