

# Message Reflection Guide

## John 18:15–18, 25–27 – Peter’s Denials

### Conversation Starter

How does it feel to mess up in front of others? Do you have a specific time in mind?

### Discussion Points

Read John 18:15-18 and 25-27 together.

### The Prediction

How do you think Peter felt when Jesus predicted his denial?

Have you ever been told something about yourself that you didn’t like? How did you react?

Read Ephesians 2:10. How does this verse reassure us about our identity in Christ despite our imperfections?

### The Denials

Describe Peter’s three denials. Why do you think he denied Jesus?

Discuss the importance of being alert and watchful in our faith, referencing 1 Peter 5:8.

### The Restoration

Read John 21:15-17

How does Jesus restore Peter after his denials?

Discuss how Jesus knew Peter’s strengths and weaknesses and still chose him for a significant role.

### Practical Steps

Discuss how each of these steps can help in your walk, especially when we mess up. How much of this is “you” and how much is the Holy Spirit? If there’s time, identify what the opposite (or natural) response would be to each step.

1. Embrace your identity in Christ
2. Stay Alert
3. Seek forgiveness and restoration
4. Show grace to yourself and others
5. Get to work!

**Prayer:** Lord, help us to embrace our identity in You, to stay alert and vigilant in our faith, and to seek forgiveness and restoration when we stumble. Grant us the grace to show compassion to ourselves and to others, just as You have shown to us. Empower us to walk in the good works You have prepared for us, and to live out our calling with courage and conviction. May we always remember that Your love for us is unwavering, and that You have a purpose for each of our lives.

