



"The Coward"
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Peter the Evangelist
...was also Peter the Coward, who Denied Jesus

The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- At mc3, God Moments are a chance for us to *be intentional* about noticing what God is doing in our lives—try to use your week to notice these moments to share in Pr'me. Go around your group and share your God Moments: how have you seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the past week?
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?*
- Have someone summarize (but not necessarily read) the main Bible passage/story from the Point: **Matthew 26:69-75**.*
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?*

**someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- Have you ever experienced claustrophobia? What happened?
- In **Matthew 26:69-75**, we read the story of Peter giving into *perceived* pressure and denying Jesus three times! We've been calling this type of pressure "perceived", because even though it *feels* like there's no way out, we don't have to give in!
- **Read 1 Corinthians 10:13**. How does this passage explain that pressure to sin is perceived? Let's look at some pressures in our lives:
 - ***"I Have to Conform to Culture"*** Read **Romans 12:2; 1 Peter 1:14-16**
 - What are some ways that Christ-followers conform to culture? What do these passages share as the solution (the "way out")?
 - ***"I Have to Prove My Point"*** Read **2 Timothy 4:3-5**
 - What is the danger of this pressure? What is the "way out"?
 - ***"I Have to Be Better"*** Read **Proverbs 16:18; Matthew 26:33-35**
 - Why do you think there's pressure to look better than others?
 - ***"I Have to Keep Up with the 'Competition'"*** Read **1 Sam. 8:4-9, 19-20**
 - This one is probably more perceived than any of the others—why does the "grass always look greener"? What is the "competition"? What are the sources of "competition" in your life?
 - ***"I Have to Please My Peers"*** Read **Exodus 32:1-5**
 - Being liked isn't a bad thing, but how is this a danger?
- Which of the above pressures is your biggest struggle, and why?
- Despite Peter denying Jesus, God still used him! Have your group explain these passages of what God did though Peter *after* his denial:
 - ***God Used Him To Raise the Church*** Read **Matt. 16:13-18; Acts 2:14-41**
 - ***God Used Him to Reach the World*** Read **Acts 10:1-11:18**
 - ***God Used Him to Write the Bible*** Read **1 Peter 1:1; 2 Peter 1:1**
- *B-Sides* is all about God using people despite their failures, so each week we're going to ask a similar question: How does God using Peter despite his denial of Jesus, make you feel about God in *your* life?