

**Sermon Based Study Questions for 4.12.2015 Sermon
One Step Behind Jesus: The Evolution of a Disciple
Luke 22:47-53**

What amazes me most about Peter, is not his denial of Jesus. It isn't even that he denies Jesus three times. What amazes me most about Peter is the evolution this man makes from fisherman to apostle, even though he denied Jesus.

Big Idea: The Gospel changes everyONE

Ice Breaker Questions – (choose one to answer/ask)

- What is the biggest change you have ever seen in your life since following Jesus?

Opening Questions

- Is there anything from Sunday's sermon that really stood out, made an impression, challenged or confused you?
- Why, do you think, people stop changing in their Christian life with Jesus?
- How do you feel about Peter's denial of Jesus? Do you think Jesus should have been so forgiving?
- What would you have done with Peter's denial if he had denied YOU?
- Which of the 4 stages of evolution do you most identify with:
 - The Fisherman – Luke 5:9-11
 - The Zealot – Luke 22:33
 - The Deserter – Luke 22:54-62
 - The Follower – John 21:15-19
- Which stage do you think is the hardest to change out of? Why?

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Bible Study

Read Luke 22:54-62

- What are some of the phrases that illustrate Peter's desertion of Jesus in this passage?
- Which of Peter's 3 denials was strongest do you think?
- What, do you think, Peter's bitter weeping communicates about Peter's heart?
- What do you think motivates Peter to deny Jesus so soon after pledging his loyalty to Jesus?

Application

- Consider what the Gospel is and how it can change you. Give thanks to Jesus for bringing the Gospel to bear on your life and changing you.
- What area of your life needs Gospel change? Ask Jesus to do it!

Scripture Memory – Luke 22:62

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