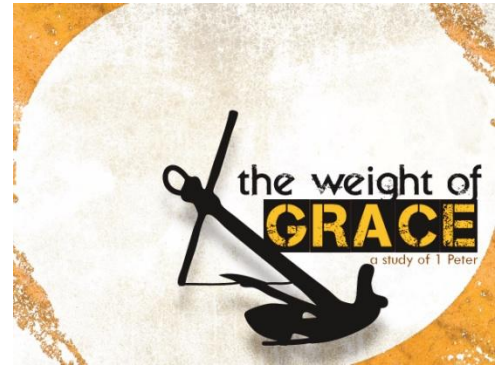


**Peter's Story | Mark 14:43-72; 8:27-35**

What was it that turned from Peter from a proud, boisterous man to humble servant? This study focuses on looking at the background of Peter and his failures as it related to "denying" Christ ...



What do you hope to learn from this study of 1 Peter?

What stood out to you about this study of Peter's background?

**REVIEW**

How does genuine spiritual transformation occur?

What false assumptions do you have about how spiritual transformation happens? How do those assumptions keep you from experiencing genuine transformation?

**READ/REFLECT**

**Mark 14:43-72 (read back through the passage)**

The cycle of "pride/false hope, denial, anger, and despair" marked Peter's experience. How do you see those things in Peter's life?

Share a way in which you have clung to a false hope in Christ.

How have you seen the elements of that cycle in your life?

**Mark 8:27-35 (read back through these verses)**

How does the progression of Peter's confession and rebuke contrast with Jesus' challenge? What does Jesus' response tell us about how we can have all the "right answers" but still be missing God's agenda?

What was Peter's agenda in these verses? How can you relate to having an "agenda" with God?

**RESPOND**

In what ways do you need to be broken? Be specific.

**REACH OUT** in prayer

Ask each person in the group to share how others can pray for them to apply these truths to their lives. Take a few moments to record the responses and then pray for one another.