

# THE UNLIKELY DISCIPLE

NEVER SAY NEVER | 7.11.21

## TALK SHEET

### KEY SCRIPTURE

<sup>33</sup> Peter declared, "Even if everyone else deserts you, I will never desert you."

<sup>34</sup> Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, Peter—this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me."

<sup>35</sup> "No!" Peter insisted. "Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!" And all the other disciples vowed the same.

**Matthew 26:33-35**

<sup>69</sup> Meanwhile, Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant girl came over and said to him, "You were one of those with Jesus the Galilean."

<sup>70</sup> But Peter denied it in front of everyone. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said.

<sup>71</sup> Later, out by the gate, another servant girl noticed him and said to those standing around, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

<sup>72</sup> Again Peter denied it, this time with an oath. "I don't even know the man," he said.

<sup>73</sup> A little later some of the other bystanders came over to Peter and said, "You must be one of them; we can tell by your Galilean accent."

<sup>74</sup> Peter swore, "A curse on me if I'm lying—I don't know the man!" And immediately the rooster crowed.

<sup>75</sup> Suddenly, Jesus' words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me." And he went away, weeping bitterly.

**Matthew 26:69-75**

<sup>61</sup> At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter.

**Luke 22:61**

### QUOTE

"Telling the story of who you were only strengthens who you are."

- Pastor Steve

Select 1 or 2 questions from each section of this guide to lead your group or house church in a discussion. Feel free to adjust as needed. Each section is designed to follow each video segment of the message.

- **Video Section #1: Explore the Topic**
  - > Start it Out | Goal: Get people talking
- **Video Section #2: Explore what God says about the Topic**
  - > Talk it Out | Goal: Get the group talking about scripture
- **Video Section #3: Explore what we do with the Topic**
  - > Live it Out | Goal: Choose a question to encourage next steps
  - > Pray it Out | Goal: Lift of prayers, petitions, and praises

### Start it Out | Goal: Get people talking

- Do you remember a time when you were scared so you ran and hid? If comfortable, share with the group.
- Why do you think people live in denial?
- Have you ever made a promise you didn't keep?
- Why do people use the phrase, "never say never.?"

### Talk it Out | Goal: Get the group talking about scripture

- **Denial 1:** Read **Matthew 26:69-70**, Based on these two verses what do you think led to Peter's first denial? (*observation: "in front of everyone."*) Have you ever denied something because of peer pressure? Explain.
- **Denial 2:** Read **Matthew 26:71-72**, What do you notice about Peter's second denial?
- **Denial 3:** Read **Matthew 26:73-74**, Describe this scene as you picture it in your mind.
- Read **Luke 22:61**, What do you think was going through Jesus' mind? How do you think Jesus looked at Peter?

### Live it Out | Goal: Choose questions to encourage next steps

- Reflect on the question, How are you denying Jesus?
- Discuss as a group different ways we deny Jesus in our lives? Write them down and discuss.
- What does it mean for Jesus to "see" you?
- How can you live this week working on not denying Jesus?

### Pray it Out | Goal: Lift up prayers, petitions, and praises

- How can we pray for you this week?  
*Take notes and follow up next week.*