

Final Encounters?

Week three: Life Group Questions:

PETER

Scriptures: Luke 22:31-34; 54-62; Matt. 26:31-35; 69-75; Mk. 14:27-31; 66-72; Matt. 16:13-20; John 18:15-18; 25-27; 1 Cor. 10:12; Eph. 6:10-13

“Don't be so naive and self-confident. You're not exempt. You could fall flat on your face as easily as anyone else. Forget about your self-confidence; it's useless. Cultivate God-confidence.” (The Message: 1 Cor. 10:12)

1. Why do we all love Peter so much? In which ways can you relate to him?
2. Read 1 Cor. 10:12. Have you ever been over-confident about something which you later regretted? In which way was the saying ‘pride comes before a fall’ true of Peter? (Read in *The Message* above: what does it mean to “cultivate God-confidence”?)
3. Read Luke 22:31-32. What great truths are found in these two verses? In which ways are you encouraged by this Scripture?
4. Jesus could have prayed for Peter not to fail at all rather than his faith (ultimately) not failing? What might this teach us?
5. Do you recognise the spiritual nature of our battle? Is this something that you are aware of on a day to day basis? Read Eph. 6:10-13.
6. How do you think Peter would have felt when Jesus turned and looked at him (Luke 22:61)? Try to put yourself in Peter’s shoes.
7. Have you ever denied the Lord in a way that you later/immediately regretted? How did it make you feel?
8. What other, more subtle, ways do we deny the Lord, other than the obvious manner in which Peter denied Him?

Pray for each other that together we might remain strong in the Lord, and that we might cultivate God-confidence.