



## **Peter's Denials     Luke 22:54-62**

### **Something to Start Us Off**

- While this may seem a bit personal, try to recall a situation in which you know you truly failed to stand with Jesus. What was that like?

### **Something to Notice**

- Once the group arrives at the high priest's house, where do we find Peter? (vv.54-55)
- Who was the first person to point out that Peter was with Jesus?
- After Peter denies Jesus three separate times, what happens? (vv.61-62)

### **Something to Understand**

According to John 18, these events took place at the house of Annas, the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was the high priest that year. There was a conflict between the Jews and Romans as to who was the real high priest. The Jews considered the high priest a lifetime appointment, and Annas, being older, still held that position. The Romans demanded the title regularly rotate from one man to another, and so appointed Caiaphas. John explains that Jesus went to both houses.

- What do you suppose motivated Peter to follow along "at a distance"? (v.54)
- In v.55, looking back at v.54, who is the "they" among whom Peter is sitting by the fire? Think about that for a moment and then share some of your thoughts.
- How do you imagine Peter felt when Jesus looked at him? Verse 62 provides a clue.
- How do you suppose you would feel in the same position?

### **Something to Take Home**

- After looking at this section of Luke 22, compare your own failures to that of Peter. How do you think Jesus views your "denials" in light of this story?
- Is there anything else this look at Luke 22:54-62 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?