

Discussion Questions Course 211-1

Large Group

1. Do we usually like to tell people our weaknesses? Please explain.
2. Joy was very hurt when Chris denied knowing her. Why did he pretend not to know her, when they are such good friends?
3. Was Chris being strong or weak and afraid?
4. Has a friend ever denied knowing you or turned his/her back on you?
5. How did it make you feel?
6. Do you think this is the end of Chris and Joy's friendship? Why or why not?

Small Group

Game

1. In our Superbook story today, what miracle did Jesus perform?

Teaching

1. In our video today, why did Chris say he didn't know Joy?
2. Sometimes we struggle with difficult decisions and make bad choices that we regret. Why did Peter say he didn't know Jesus?
3. Jesus had been arrested and was being questioned by powerful men who hated Him and wanted to kill Him. Do you think Peter was afraid that if these men found out he was Jesus' friend, they might kill him, too?
4. Why do you think he instantly gave up everything to follow the Lord?
5. Who do you think got out of the boat and began walking on the water toward Jesus?
6. Peter was one of Jesus' closest friends. When Jesus went up a mountain to meet with God, He chose just three disciples to go with him. Guess which ones.
7. On the night before Jesus died, when He warned Peter that he would deny Him three times, what did Peter say?
8. Can anyone tell me what is inside this cup?
9. Peter turned his back on Jesus because of fear. When Peter realized what he had done, how did he feel?
10. Peter denied Jesus and turned his back on Him, but was that the end of Peter's story?

Additional Activities

Fish Game

1. After Jesus rose from the dead, He came to the disciples when they had fished all night but caught nothing. What miracle did He perform?

Shield Skit

1. Read Luke 22:31-32. What do these verses mean?
2. In our skit, when I threw balls at {Name of Actor 1}, what did this represent?
3. Now, when {Name of Actor 2} came into the room and went through the same test, what happened that was different?
4. How do you think {Name of Actor 2} knew to pick up the shield?

Bible Study
Luke 22:31–32

Verse 31

1. Jesus told Peter that Satan asked permission to sift YOU like wheat. “You” in the original Greek language is plural; some English translations of this verse say “each of you” or “all of you.” So who do you think Jesus meant by “YOU”?
2. What do you think it means to “sift as wheat”?
3. What do you think is significant about Satan’s request in Verse 31?
4. How do you think this verse applies to us today?
5. How do you think we can prepare ourselves against what Satan tries to do today?

Verse 32

1. How did Jesus help Peter, even before the test?
2. Why do you think God would allow us to be tested or tried at all?
3. In verse 32, it is interesting to note that the word “you” this time is singular—Jesus prayed specifically for Peter to be strengthened. How could he strengthen the other disciples?
4. What is the significance of Jesus saying, “When you have repented and turned to Me again”?