



# KNOWING GOD

JOHN 15-21

## Week 7 John 18:15-32 - Denied and Condemned

[ **Goal:** *That our likeness to Peter and the Jews is exposed, moving us to run all the more to Jesus as our gracious, righteous substitute.* ]

Read John 18:15



1. Where have Jesus and his disciples just come from? Where does this scene fit in the flow of the night's events?

Read John 18:15-32



2. In pairs, break the passage up into scenes. Where are the changes? Why do you think John has placed the scene changes where he has (especially v15-26)?



Read John 13:33-38 where Jesus anticipates these events.



3. Having seen the fulfilment of this word from Jesus, what do these verses expose about Peter's view of himself back then? What was lacking in his understanding of himself?

4. Despite knowing that he is about to fail, Jesus shows no sign here of rejecting Peter. What does that show us about Jesus' love?



5. How might we be prone to overestimate our own view of ourselves as Peter did? Are there particular areas of your life where you need to be more honest with yourself and God?

6. How can Jesus' grace to Peter be an encouragement to us?



Re-read 18:19-25

7. How is Jesus contrasted with Peter here?

8. Given what Jesus was questioned about (v19), what is missing from Jesus' response in verses 20-21? Why might this be? (see also 18:9) What does this point us to in Jesus' over-all work and mission?



9. How do verses 22-24 portray Jesus? How is he being treated here? Why does this matter?



Re-read verses 28-32

10. Why did Pilate have to come out of the palace to meet the Jewish leaders? What is the irony of this concern of the Jewish leaders given what they're about to do?



11. The behaviour of the Jewish leaders exposes the risk of 'external religion'. How might we be at risk of the same failure?

Take some time to **pray** in light of questions 6, 7 and 12: encourage each other with God's grace despite our failure, and give thanks for Jesus' perfect innocence and faithfulness in our place.



Discussion Question



Context Question



Structure Question



Observation Question



Meaning Question



Application Question