

# TAKEAWAY



## THE RADICAL KING

Matthew 26:69-75 - Peter's Denial

*In line with our goal to be a church of disciples who make disciples, this session is focussed on action, so that we are 'doers of the word' and not just hearers/people who enjoy a good discussion! It encourages focussed practical outcomes in the lives of the individuals in the group so that our discipleship as followers of Jesus is deliberately pursued.*

### INTRODUCTION

In today's passage, we look at how when it came to the crunch moment, Peter denied that he knew Jesus when questioned - and what this has to do with us.

### SHARE

Have you ever denied being invested in or interested in something because you were concerned about how it would make you look to other people?

### READ

Matthew 26:69-75

### DISCUSS

How do you feel when you read this story?

Why do you think Peter so strongly denied that he was with Jesus? What possible motivations would he have had at this point?

What would you have done if you were in Peter's shoes? Is it possible to know?

We may or may not have verbally denied that we follow Jesus, but in what other ways do we give the impression to others that we aren't 'with' Him?

Jesus had already told Peter that this would happen. Why do you think he did that? What about that is encouraging to us?

After the resurrection, Jesus made it clear that He not only forgave Peter, but reinstated him fully and gave him significant responsibility for leading the church that would grow to change the world. What heartens you about this? Will Jesus do this with *everyone* who denies him or are there limits?

### TRY IT OUT

This week, see if there is a moment when you have a clear choice whether to identify as a follower of Jesus. What would be the best thing to say/do at that moment? Did you do it? What helps you make the right choice?

### PRAY