

## Mark 14: Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

27 "You will all fall away," Jesus told them, "for it is written: "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' [d] 28 But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee." 29 Peter declared, "Even if all fall away, I will not." 30 "Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "today—yes, tonight—before the rooster crows twice [e] you yourself will disown me three times." 31 But Peter insisted

emphatically, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the others said the same.

32 They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." 33 He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. 34 "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch." 35 Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. 36 "Abba,[f] Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." 37 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Couldn't you keep watch for one hour? 38 Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." 39 Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. 40 When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him. 41 Returning the third time, he said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. 42 Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

## **ICEBREAKER**

What's a question you wish people would ask more often?

## **CONVERSATION STARTERS**

- 1. How often do you experience disappointment with yourself and others?
- 2. Looking at the two moments from Mark 14, what stand out to you about the different experiences of disappointment?
- 3. How do you express your hurt (ouch!) when you are deeply disappointed? How could you imagine saying ouch in healthy ways?
- 4. Can you tell us a story of your response to a deep disappointment?
- 5. How long do you generally stay in the place of disappointment? When do you revisit that place?
- 6. How can your faith in God help with disappointment?