

THE GOSPEL OF

JOHN

STUDENT LESSON

THIS IS NOT THE
DISCIPLE YOU
ARE LOOKING FOR

Open it

1. Describe a time when you were really embarrassed by someone close to you.

Daily Devotions

Day 1 — Today's Theme: Explore It

Read John 18:15–27.

2. Who denies being a follower of Jesus? And who questions him the first time?
3. What answer does Jesus give the high priest that causes Him to be struck in the face?
4. How does Jesus respond to the slap in the face?
5. What happens again before the rooster crows?

Day 3 — Today's Theme: Stick to the Truth

Read John 18:19–23.

We see a huge contrast here between Peter being questioned and Jesus. Jesus, knowing what is going to happen to Him still testifies to the truth of what He's been teaching openly to everyone. However, Peter doesn't know what is going to happen to him. He's just scared that something might happen.

In life we often get ourselves into trouble with the things we do. We get scared sometimes and we say things that are not true. Sometimes we try to cover up to make ourselves look better. Sometimes we think someone has something better than we do, so we lie to try to make ourselves seem bigger or better than they are. Sometimes we have a superiority complex. We often get caught in a lie and have to lie more just to get out of it, leaving a massive web of lies. Most of the time when we do these things, we are just trying to be someone that other people would like.

Christ never does this. He always speaks the truth even when the truth hurts, like getting slapped in the face. No matter what the situation is, we can have no fault if we are sticking to Christ and following His Word. People may not like us for it, but God is honored in the end.

10. What are some reasons you find it difficult to tell the truth?

11. In what ways does it hurt you and help you to stick to the truth?

12. Why is it better to look at your life as a whole rather than just in the moment?

Day 4 — Today's Theme: God Uses Broken People

Read John 18:23–27.

Again, we see the contrast between Peter and Jesus. Jesus is under much harder persecution, harder questions from people of higher authority. Peter is still scared and not putting his full trust in Christ that even if something bad happens to him it will be for God's glory.

It's so easy to be quick to judge people and assume that God can't use them because they tripped up. We need to remember that none of us are perfect. Even when we make mistakes, God can use it for His glory. None of the disciples were perfect, yet God used them to do amazing things for Christ. Peter eventually became the leader and spokesman among the disciples and a martyr for Christ. His faith was that strong. Don't let moments of weakness rock your faith. Stay close to God! Stay in the Word! Stay involved in the church!

13. Why do we judge people so quickly by their actions?

14. After making a judgment, is it hard to change your opinion of someone?

15. Read John 21:15–19. How does Jesus redeem Peter in the long run? How have you seen God redeem you?

16. What does it look like to be gracious and merciful with people when they fail you?