

*Today:*  
**March 8, 2015**

**Scripture Focus:** Mark 14:53 – 15:1

<sup>66</sup> Meanwhile, Peter was in the courtyard below. One of the servant girls who worked for the high priest came by <sup>67</sup> and noticed Peter warming himself at the fire. She looked at him closely and said, “You were one of those with Jesus of Nazareth.” <sup>68</sup> But Peter denied it. “I don’t know what you’re talking about,” he said, and he went out into the entryway. Just then, a rooster crowed. <sup>69</sup> When the servant girl saw him standing there, she began telling the others, “This man is definitely one of them!” <sup>70</sup> But Peter denied it again. A little later some of the other bystanders confronted Peter and said, “You must be one of them, because you are a Galilean.” <sup>71</sup> Peter swore, “A curse on me if I’m lying—I don’t know this man you’re talking about!” <sup>72</sup> And immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Suddenly, Jesus’ words flashed through Peter’s mind: “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny three times that you even know me.” And he broke down and wept.

*(Mark 14:66-72, New Living Translation)*

**Notes from Worship:**

How did God catch your attention? To what is God calling you this week?

**Questions for Discussion:**

- Why do you think Peter was brave enough to even follow into the High Priest’s courtyard, when none of his disciple friends did? What risks have you taken as a follower of Jesus?
- When have you ever told a lie or backed yourself into a corner where you just made it worse with each discovery of the truth?
- Describe how Peter must have felt at the end of this scene.

# *This Week:* **March 9-14**

## Scripture Readings:

<b>Monday</b> 3/9	<b>Tuesday</b> 3/10	<b>Wednesday</b> 3/11	<b>Thursday</b> 3/12	<b>Friday</b> 3/13	<b>Saturday</b> 3/14
Isaiah 5-8	Isaiah 9-12	Micah 1-4	Micah 5-7	2 Kings 16-17; 2 Chron. 28	Isaiah 13-17

## Questions for Reflection:

These questions are meant to help get you thinking about the readings for each day. Feel free to also use this space to jot down other questions and insights gleaned from your reading.

### **Monday**

How does Jesus use this song of the vineyard in his teaching (Isaiah 5:1-7; Mark 12)?  
What strikes you about Isaiah's call into prophetic ministry (Isaiah 6)?

### **Tuesday**

What is the significance of a shoot coming up from the stump of Jesse (Isaiah 11:1)?

### **Wednesday**

Which verses in Micah chapter 4 jump out to you as especially hopeful? Why?

### **Thursday**

What is the significance of a ruler coming out of Bethlehem (Micah 5)?  
How does Micah 6:8 fit in the rest of the book? How does this verse speak to you?

### **Friday**

What reason is given in these chapters for the fall of Israel? Why is this important?

### **Saturday**

What jumps out to you in these chapters? Why?

## Taking Scripture to Heart:

As we continue focusing on the life and teachings of Jesus, our memory text is **Matthew 5:43-48**. Let these verses dwell within you, to help you focus on Jesus Christ, the center of our faith.

## **Next Sunday: March 15, 2015**

**Theme:** The prophesied suffering servant, Pilate hands over Jesus, the soldiers mock Jesus

**Scripture Focus:** *Isaiah 53:7-12; Mark 15:1-20*