

# When the Rooster Crows

## Matthew 26:46-27:10

### **Scripture Memory of the Month**

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus sin.*  
Romans 8:1

### **1) CATCH UP ON LIFE**

*This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. Because God is our Father we are family. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)*

Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?

What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)? Are there any practical needs you have right now?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives, and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

### **2) DISCUSS THE TEXT - ENGAGE THE HEART**

*Since we follow Jesus we seek to apply the Gospel continually to all of life. God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, to equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, to show us our sin, and to strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a Group throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25).*

#### **Split up into gender specific groups**

#### **Read Matthew 26:46-27:10**

*In this passage we see several negative ways to handle our sin, guilt, and shame. The religious leaders fail to see their sin, choosing rather to hide behind religious activity. Judas sees his sin, and, failing to be able to fix it, chooses a path of self-destruction.*

What would you identify as your ways of dealing with sin and shame (denial, willful ignorance, try to atone through good works, self-loathing, etc.)?

*Peter sees his sin and is broken over it but eventually returns to Jesus. As 1 Corinthians 7:10 says, "For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death."*

*Take a moment to ask the Holy Spirit to help you see your sin. Then as a group walk through prayerfully delighting in Christ through confessing, repenting, and being freed from sin.*

### **3) REVIEW THE MISSION**

*Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit we have been sent as missionaries in everyday life to display God's glory and lead others to repentance and faith through belief in the gospel. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)*

**People:**

Who can be intentionally living on mission amidst our current situation? (neighbors, coworkers, or a specific demographic in Columbia)

**Plan:**

Who is one person you can share the gospel with this week? How can that be done under the current constraints? Spend some time praying for these opportunities.

How can we be intentional in times like this about sharing the gospel?

**Pray:**

Pray for God to help us love him above all else that we may join him boldly in his mission to redeem the world. Pray for those around us that we need to share this with or invite in.