

## Discussion Questions

Tell a story of a time in your life when your or someone else's weakness turned into a blessing.

What is a good thing that you felt God called you to stop doing? Or: tell about a time when you realized that God was doing something bigger and different than the good thing you desired or were proposing.

After being broken, Peter was called to feed the Lord's sheep. Who in your life was able to feed your faith after experiencing real difficulty?

### Series 5 Upcoming Dates

Monday Sept 9, 7pm, Brownstein Hall

Saturday retreat, Sept 14, 9am-3:30pm, Brownstein Hall

Monday Sept 23, 7pm, Brownstein Hall

### For Further Reading

Erasmus Leiva-Merikakis, *The Way of the Disciple*  
Ignatius Press, 2003.

Pope Benedict, Encyclical Letter *Spe Salvi* (On Christian Hope).

## God Is Here Series 5, Part 2



God the Father of Mercies Invites Us  
to RECONCILIATION

## The Word of God

Luke 22:54-62: Peter's Denial

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. Peter followed at a distance; and when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a maid, seeing him as he sat in the light and gazing at him, said, "This man also was with him." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

## Series 5 Prayer

"Almighty and most gentle God, who brought forth from the rock a fountain of living water for your thirsty people, bring forth, we pray, from the hardness of our heart, tears of sorrow, that we may lament our sins and merit forgiveness from your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever."  
(Collect 38. For the forgiveness of sins B.)

## Voices of the Church

"[In the Church] there are water and tears: the water of Baptism and the tears of repentance." (St. Ambrose, 4th century)

"In the person, the sense of sin is proportional precisely to the perception of God's infinite love: The more we feel his tenderness, the more we desire to be in full communion with him and the more the ugliness of evil in our life becomes apparent to us. And it is precisely this awareness ... that prompts us to reflect on ourselves and our deeds, and to convert." (Pope Francis, Address to the Apostolic Penitentiary, March 8, 2024)