

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

## Lesson Twenty Six—The Gospel of John Chapter 18:1–27

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1. a) Read Matthew 26:36–45 and Luke 22:39–46. Summarize briefly what Jesus did in the “garden” or “olive grove” in John 18:1.  
  
b) Describe what Judas did in the garden in John 18:2–3. Read Matthew 26:47–50 for more detail.  
  
c) Read John 18:4(a) and write down various reasons why you **think** Jesus chose to go to the garden.  
  
d) Write a principle or unchanging truth you learned from your answer in (c) above.
2. a) In John 18:6, how did the soldiers and officials react when Jesus identifies Himself?  
  
b) Why do you **think** they reacted this way?
3. a) Describe what Jesus does to protect the disciples.

- b) Describe what Simon Peter does to “protect” Jesus.
  
  - c) What do Simon Peter’s actions reveal about his belief in the person and purpose of Jesus?
- 4.
- a) What does Jesus say in response to Simon Peter’s actions?
  
  - b) What do you **think** “cup” in John 18:11 means? Read Isaiah 51:17, 22 and Matthew 20:20–23 for background information.
  
  - c) What “cup” has the Father given you to drink?
  
  - d) What do you learn from Jesus’ modeling that you can follow in drinking your “cup”?
- 5.
- a) What do Jesus’ comments and questions in John 18:20–21, 23 reveal about the high priest Annas’ methods and questioning? Read Exodus 23:7 and Deuteronomy 19:15–19 for help.
  
  - b) What do Jesus’ reactions to being bound and struck reveal to you about His control of power and submission to the Father’s will?

6.
  - a) How many times did Peter deny his relationship with Jesus? Name the verses.
  - b) What is Peter trying to accomplish when he is asked about his relationship to Jesus in John 18:15–18, 25–27?
  - c) What does Peter's intent and repeated actions reveal about his belief in Jesus' purpose? [Question 3(c) revisited].
  - d) What unchanging truth about what Jesus really wants from him does Peter (and we) learn from Peter's mistakes in John 18:10–11, 17–18, 25–27?
7. In what ways can you empathize with Peter?
  - a) Share a time when you denied your relationship with Jesus either with words or actions. Consider whether this incident is isolated or part of a repeated pattern. (You may want to ask your group to uphold you as you confess this to the Lord).
  - b) Consider how you try to hide in plain sight. What aspect of your personality, experience, physique, family, job, finances, habits, etc. do you try to make invisible or unnoticeable? Why? Ask the Lord how He might change your "hiding" into wisdom or compassion or a strength.

