



# DOUBLE LIFE

**BOTTOM LINE:** Jesus wants us to live lives that are consistent and authentic.

## **MATERIALS NEEDED**

- Bibles
- Student Notebooks

### ***optional icebreaker: two truths & a lie***

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Have every student think of three facts about themselves, but only have two of them be true and one be false. Go around and have every student share their two truths and one lie without telling the group which one is the lie. Try to guess which one is the lie as a group.

## ***talk with others about our faith.***

**DO THIS:** Lead your students in a discussion about living as a follower of Jesus using the questions below.

- **ASK:** *What do you think is the hardest part of life as a follower of Jesus? Why?*
- **ASK:** *One of the biggest criticisms of Christians is that they are hypocrites. Do you know what that means? Do you agree with that criticism? Why or why not?*
- **ASK:** *Do you ever feel tempted to act differently than you want to around friends, family, or other people?*
- **ASK:** *Are there any areas of your life where you are acting one way when you're around other Christians, but another way when you're around other people?*

## ***hear from God through His word.***

**DO THIS:** Read **Luke 22:54-62** and **John 21:15-17** as a group and then lead your students in a discussion about the passages using the questions below.

- Tell your students to open their Bibles to **Luke 22:54-62** and read it to themselves.

- **ASK:** Why do you think Peter denied knowing Jesus?
- **ASK:** Would you expect Peter, of everyone, to deny Jesus? Why or why not?
- Now, have your students open their Bibles to **John 21:15-17** and have someone else read it out loud for the
- **ASK:** Why did Jesus ask Peter if he loved Him? Why three times?
- **ASK:** How did Jesus respond to Peter?
- **ASK:** How would you reply to Peter if you were Jesus?

**say this:**  
 When he denied He knew Jesus, Peter was living a double life. Despite this, Jesus wasn't upset with him and didn't punish him. He was gracious and loving to Peter. This is the same reaction we can expect from Jesus.

**pray by talking to God.**

**DO THIS:** Lead your students in a time of prayer as a group using the prompts below.

- Ask your students, "What would they do in Peter's position?", and tell them to spend 30 seconds reflecting on what their answer is. Then have them spend time talking with Jesus about what they think they would do. After a minute or two, close your group in prayer.

**LIVE in a way that honors God.**

**DO THIS:** Give your students the following **LIVE** challenge for this week.

- Invite someone you know, who doesn't come to church normally, to come to JHM this weekend.



**memory verse**  
*"Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?'  
 He said, 'Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.'"*  
**John 21:17**