

LIFEGROUPS: HOW TO RESPOND TO FAILURE

SET LIST *(worship optional)*

Great Jehovah by Travis Greene

This is Amazing Grace by Phil Wickham

King of Glory by Todd Dulaney

One Thing Remains by Israel & New Breed

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Life is defined by what you will do when you get knocked down. **Read Proverbs 24:16.** Falling is part of the process. When someone gets saved it doesn't mean they won't stumble or experience disappointment. When someone gets saved it means that they now have the faith to help him or her get through their disappointment. It is easy to tell others to have faith through their hard times but they want to see you live it out. During the rough seasons, show your faith and have the victory. ***What is easier: to tell someone to hold on and have faith or to live out your own faith during the tough times? Do you live out your faith the way you encourage others to do so?***
- **Read John 21:1-14.** Peter had denied Christ 3 times and knew that he failed him. The moment adversity came; Peter went back to his former life because he thought that failure had disqualified him. Whenever your previous life looks attractive to you, you know that pull to go back is not from God. Approach moments of failure and say, "will this take me out or will it promote me?" The decision you make from failure will take you to your promotion and can define the rest of your life. Failures are defining moments. ***Have you ever dealt with failure? How did it determine what you did next in life?***

- When Jesus left the tomb he went out to look for Peter. He wanted to tell Peter that even though he failed, there was a new day. **Read Lamentations 3:22-23.** If you feel disqualified from failure know that Jesus is looking for you. He gives us new mercies every morning, which means he doesn't treat you according to your sins! Put it behind you and know that Jesus can resurrect you and you can start living a better, freer life. Failure is never final and failure doesn't change your status with God. ***Do you feel disqualified? Pray this as a group: Jesus, I know I have failed and I feel disqualified but you make me new. I am free because of the cross and forgive me today. I am a new person and receive your mercy! Thank you Lord, Amen!***

CHALLENGE

This week if you fail and feel disqualified read Luke 15:11-31, the parable of the Prodigal Son. Read it as God being the Father and you being the son. What is God telling you when the father runs down the road when he sees his son?

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for those that are still struggling with failure and don't know how to move on from it. If God speaks to you about a certain person don't hesitate to first pray for them then reach out to them and let them know the forgiving power of Jesus.