

From Failure to Purpose

How can I know that failure is not final?

Ice Breaker: What is one thing you failed at the first time you tried but then later accomplished?
(e.g. riding a bike, swimming, tying shoes, etc.)

Everyone Fails Sometimes (Read John 13:36-38; 18:15-18, 25-27)

1. How would you describe Peter? (Compare this account of Peter and his actions in the garden, 18:10)
2. Why do you think Peter denied Jesus? If you were there what would you have done on Jesus' behalf?
3. What feelings must Peter have had after the rooster crowed? What do you suppose Peter did at that point? *Have you felt like Peter?
4. How does the fear of failure affect you in your everyday life? Or how do you explain the ups and downs in your own spiritual life?
5. How does this story of Peter humble and/or encourage you?

Failures Can Open New Opportunities (John 21:14-17; Acts 2:14, 37-41)

6. It is a serious sin to disown Christ yet, how would you explain what Jesus is doing in John 21:14-17?

7. How should we respond to Christians who make mistakes?

8. Name some other Biblical characters God used although they had failed, e.g. David?

9. "Some failures are too big to overcome." Based on today's lesson how can we be encouraged to move beyond failure?

10. How might this lesson be used in witnessing to a non-believer?

Wrap up:

- Is there a friend who has failed and needs to be encouraged to become active in serving God again?

LIFE Groups

Providing an environment to nurture caring relationships and spiritual growth.

- L ♦ Learn..... applying Biblical truth for everyday living
- I ♦ Invite.....welcoming others to our fellowship
- F ♦ Fellowship.....nurturing Christ centered caring relationships
- E ♦ Evangelism..... combining evangelism, teaching and nurturing to impact our world for Christ