





WEEKLY GROUP GUIDE

	Scripture:	John 21:15–19
	Week of:	April 4, 2026
	Message Title:	Why Jesus' Resurrection Matters When You've Failed
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1. ICEBREAKER (5–10 MINS)

What is something you have failed at in the past that still sticks with you today, and why do you think it has stayed with you?

2. READ TOGETHER

*Have someone from your group read aloud **JOHN 21:15–19**.*

Ask: As you listen, pay attention to how Jesus interacts with Peter after his failure. What stands out to you most about Jesus in this moment?

3. Group Discussion (30–40 mins)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: *(Use the most helpful questions for your group.)*

- 1.** The sermon reminded us that everyone fails, yet we instinctively minimize our own failure. Where are you most tempted to excuse or redefine your sin instead of honestly facing it before God?
- 2.** Jesus intentionally brings Peter back to the moment of his denial. Why do we avoid revisiting our failures, and what does this passage show about why Jesus confronts them instead of ignoring them?
- 3.** Jesus does not expose Peter to shame him, but to heal him. What is the difference between worldly shame that crushes and godly conviction that restores? How can you tell which one you are experiencing? *(See 2 Corinthians 7:10)*

4. Peter once spoke with strong self-confidence, but now answers with humble dependence. Where has your failure exposed who you really are, not who you thought you were? How has that been painful, and how might that actually be grace?
5. Jesus does not cancel Peter, but restores and recommissions him. What does this reveal about the heart of Christ toward those who fail, and why is that hard for you to truly believe?
6. Jesus' repeated command is to care for His sheep. Why does Jesus entrust real responsibility to people who have clearly failed? What does that say about how He works through weakness?
7. The sermon described how we tend to live in guilt after failure. Where do you still carry guilt or shame that Jesus has already covered? What would it look like to actually live as someone who is forgiven and restored?
8. Jesus ends with, "Follow me." Not comfort, not comparison, but surrender. Where are you tempted to want forgiveness from Jesus without full obedience to Him? What might following Him cost you right now?
9. How does John 21:15–19 connect to our *mission* to "Proclaim the truth of Jesus and grow mature disciples for the glory of God"?

This passage shows us the heart of Jesus toward sinners. We proclaim the truth of Jesus when we show that He is not only a Savior who died and rose again, but one who forgives, restores, and calls people to follow Him. Mature disciples are formed as we move from pride to humility, from shame to grace, and from passivity to actively following Christ in obedience and love.

10. How does this passage reshape our core values as a church?
 - **Worship:** We worship a Savior who forgives and restores failures like us.
 - **Bible Knowledge:** Scripture shows us the true heart of Jesus toward sinners.
 - **Fellowship:** We become a community where people can be honest about failure and experience grace.
 - **Prayer:** We bring our sin, shame, and weakness before God honestly.

- **Service:** We serve not because we are perfect, but because we have been restored.
- **Giving:** We give our lives back to Christ in response to His grace.
- **Evangelism:** We share the hope that failure is not the end because Jesus is risen.
- **Missions:** We take this message of restoration to a world trapped in guilt and shame.

4. Prayer (10–15 mins)

Thank God for sending our righteous and humble King, and ask Him to help us live in His peace and proclaim it to others.

Prompt:

Father, thank You that our King has come to us in Jesus Christ. Thank You that He is righteous, victorious, and humble, and that through Him we have peace with You. Forgive us for the ways we doubt, fear, and put our confidence in ourselves or in the powers of this world. Teach us to rejoice by faith, even when life feels heavy or uncertain. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, shape our life together, and move us outward to proclaim the good news of peace to others. In Jesus' name, amen.