

April 4, 2021  
Failing Forward



### Key Scriptures

**Mat 26:26-30** *While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." (27) And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; (28) for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. (29) "But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom." (30) After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.*

**Joh 14:1-2 NASB** *"Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. (2) "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.*

**Joh 15:5 NASB** *"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.*

**Rom 8:1-4 NASB** *Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (2) For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.*

### Note to Group Leaders:

1. Encourage your group to serve at church. We need people in every area of service. Greeting / Media / RK / Worship / Ushers. Serving is a big deal and everyone should be serving the Body somewhere.

2. We have had more and more guests since we have reopened. Encourage your group to invite guests.

### The Big Point:

If we can't admit we are a failure, we can't receive Jesus as the one to save us.

Jesus lived with the disciples for years teaching them the truths of the kingdom he was bringing to earth, but they couldn't get it. It wasn't because there was something wrong with them, it was because we often don't understand the lessons of life we are learning in the midst of the lesson. After the resurrection, the disciples finally understood what Jesus was talking about when he said he was going to make a place for them. He knew they would fail and it never broke their relationship.

### Important points from the message:

- We are a failure.
- Your life is a blank check the world wants to spend.
- If my life is not flowing from my connection to Jesus, I will fail at what's really important.
- It is in your failure that you find that Jesus is more than enough.

### Important quote:

- *Jesus told Peter, you won't die with me, you will fail three times today. But that doesn't change who we are to each other.*
- *In the time of humanity's failure, Jesus was singing the Psalms & declaring a better day is coming.*
- *Jesus can't be one option among many.*
- *Jesus knew Peter would fail, but he was preparing him to fail forward.*

### Questions that may get your group talking.

- Sweet and Spicy Pickles anyone?
- Have you felt like you had to be perfect? What kind of help has that kept you from receiving?
- Do you hear him singing the song of hope over you? (When you fail or do what you know you're not supposed to be doing)

### Questions that may get your group thinking.

- Your failure doesn't affect your relationship with Jesus. How does knowing this change how you see yourself?
- Have you hidden your failure? What will failing forward look like?
- We fail at lots of stuff. Do you let it give you room to focus on what you are actually good at?

### Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Make the mission of Jesus important.