

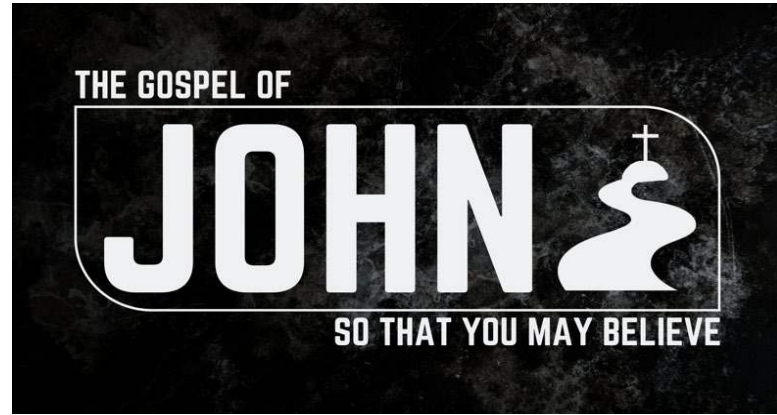
## LEADER REMINDERS

### PLAN FOR MAY 15

- 7-7:45PM---MS & HS stay together
  - Worship, year-end recap & short message
- 7:45-8:30PM---Pizza party in small groups
  - Pizza & bottles of water will be delivered to each group
    - MS will use their small group classroom
    - HS will remain in Worship Center & Lobby

### Remove Items Stored In Classrooms

- If your small group has been storing items (bins, journals, snacks) in your classroom, these items will need to be removed by 5/15.



## 5.1.24 & 5.8.24 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Key Text: John 21: 15-17  
“When Failure Isn’t Final”

### Summary:

John 21:15-17 gives us the opportunity to listen in on a conversation between Jesus and Peter, which took place after Jesus’s resurrection. Peter was one of Jesus’s closest friends and had messed up in a big way, resulting in Peter feeling all the guilt, shame and regret that comes with making sinful choices. Just as Peter had denied Jesus 3 times, Jesus now gives Peter 3 chances to reaffirm and therefore restore his relationship with Jesus.

### Main Points:

With Jesus:

1. Failing doesn’t mean WE are a FAILURE
2. Our POTENTIAL isn’t limited by our PAST
3. A FRESH start is available, but it is COSTLY

**LEADERS:** *Be sure to ask your students, “did any of you TONIGHT, for the very 1<sup>st</sup> time, put your trust in Jesus to save you from your sins?” We want to celebrate that!*

1. Have you ever done something that you said you would NEVER do (like Peter), and you felt shame, guilt and like you are a complete failure? Please share.
  - a. Do you struggle with a sin choice that continues to trip you up---something that you keep telling yourself you will stop, but you don’t? If so, what next step can you take to guard against repeating it?
2. When you fail, are you able to separate ‘I failed’ from “I AM a failure” or do you convince yourself that YOU ARE a failure?

3. Answer “yes” or “no” to the following questions:
  - a. Do you ever believe that you have messed up WAY too much for God to ever work thru your life? If yes, share why you believe this.
  - b. Do you ever believe that God has given up on you because you’ve blown it too much? If yes, share why you believe this.
  - c. Do you ever try to punish yourself for messing up, rather than taking your failures/sins to Jesus? If yes, share why you do this.
    - i. What does it look like in your life to “take your failures/sins to Jesus?”
4. What sin in your life do you need to let go of that is coming between you and the “fresh start” that Jesus offers (like the baton illustration that Pastor Jeff used)?
5. Do you think your decision to sin is costly? To you? To someone else? To Jesus?
  - a. Have you ever asked forgiveness from someone whom YOU have sinned against?
  - b. Is there someone you think God is CALLING YOU to apologize to and ask forgiveness from?
    - i. If so, what are you going to do?
6. DESCRIBE the picture you have in YOUR MIND about how you feel Jesus responds when YOU sin and do something that dishonors God? (Do you picture Him angry? Or, lovingly correcting you? Or, totally walking away from you and distancing Himself?)
  - a. WHY do you picture Jesus responding that way when you sin?
  - b. Is the picture in your mind the same or different than how Jesus responded to Peter?