

Sermon Discussion Guide:

Peter's Denial Foretold

Scripture: **Luke 22:31-34**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

Sunday, May 24, 2020

OVERVIEW

In this passage, Jesus foretells of Peter's denial. All Christians face satanic trials and temptations in a variety of ways, leading to failure. Which can create spiritual pessimism and defeatism in the believer. We can all, like Peter, deny knowing Christ by refusing to acknowledge our faith in front of others, when we choose sin over obedience, and when we do not give Him the place of priority in our life. These sins are significant and can lead us to give up or to believe that it will never be better. The good news for the believer is that there is hope in Christ who offers grace and the gift of repentance! The prayers of Jesus are promises because his intercessory prayers are in perfect harmony with the will of the Father. These prayers function as protections for us. **The grace of Christ is why faithfulness can follow failure.**

CORROBORATING TEXTS

Job 1:8; 1 Peter 5:8; Ephesians 4:26-27; John 17:9-10; Matthew 10:32; 2 Timothy 2:24-26

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How was this week's passage and sermon edifying, convicting, and/or encouraging?
2. Failure and sin can lead to spiritual pessimism and defeatism. How is the Christian able to overcome these feelings and repent?
3. Read the High Priestly Prayer (John 17) together as a group. What specific promises found in this prayer encourage you?
4. We can be faithful after failure because of the grace of Christ through repentance. What is your understanding of repentance? Why is it a gift? *[Consider 2 Timothy 2:24-26]*
5. What hope is there in the midst of continued and repeated sins?
6. Have your failures compelled you towards Christ or towards feelings of defeat? Are there sins or failures in your life now that you need to turn away from and embrace the forgiveness that God has for you? What is stopping you from believing that He is faithful?