

Our hope for _____

JOHN

LIFE IN JESUS

Faithful through Our Failures

John 18:15-18; 25-27

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Today we look into John's account of Peter denying Jesus. While Jesus suffers unjustly on His way to the cross, Peter's denials show his imperfection and need for the sacrifice of Jesus. We all relate to Peter, and John's account helps us to see and understand our own imperfections, so we can experience Christ's perfection.

Our need for _____

Our hope for _____

Our need to be _____

TAKING ACTION

As we continue to prepare for the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection at Easter, reflect this week (in thought, writing, or sharing with a friend) on a season where you failed God and still found Him faithful to you.

NEXT WEEK: *Jesus before Pilate | John 18:28-40*

Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org/groups

CONNECT *(ask this question to check-in with your group)*

Are you doing anything to spiritually prepare for Easter and celebrating the cross and resurrection?

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read John 18:12-27 together as a group. How did you "come under" God's Word and the message this week? How did God speak to you in the text/message?
2. Look through John 18:12-27 again and note any ways you see John contrasting Jesus and Peter. Look at their words, their actions, and their hearts.
3. We can all relate to Peter. How do you relate to him—either at some other part of his story, or right here in John 18?

4. In what ways do you think you currently need to be corrected in your view of Jesus? In your view of yourself?
5. How is the flow of this week's message outline similar to the Gospel? (Our Need for Correction, Our Need to be Undone, Our Hope for Mercy, Our Hope for Change)
6. How is the parallel story of Jesus's suffering and Peter's denial a microcosm of the Bible's story? What other stories in the Bible can you think of that illustrate this?
7. Dig Deeper: For all you over-achieving groups out there... Read Jesus's words in Matthew 10:32-33. Then read 2 Timothy 1:11-13. Discuss how these texts relate to Peter's denial (John 18) and restoration (John 21).

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Confess your utter need for Jesus and how you need Him today.
- Praise God for ways He's been faithful to you through your failures.
- Pray for one another's needs.