



# SUMMER *at Cypress*

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## **TEACHING OVERVIEW**

This weekend Pastor Charlie wrapped up our Summer at Cypress series by sharing the story of Peter and his denial of Jesus. He shared how Peter had to face his failure with faith and we learned how we can do the same in our lives in the midst of failure.

## **E**ncouragement

Share with your Group a story of a funny/lighthearted failure by you or someone you know.

What's something good that you've learned through failure? Talk with your Group about the wisdom that has come on the other side of failure.

## **S**cripture & Discussion

**Read:** [Matthew 26:69-75](#)

### **Discuss**

1. What do you notice about Peter's reactions to others when he denied that he knew Jesus? How can you relate to Peter's response in this situation? Have there been times that you have failed, but denied it? What was the result of that in your life?
2. Pastor Charlie asked the question, "What's been behind the most epic failures of your life?" Consider this question for a moment and share some of your previous motivations or insecurities that were behind some big or little failures. Use this discussion as a means to celebrate the growth that God has brought about in you and others.
3. Share a lesson or some piece of wisdom that you have learned from a mistake. What qualities or fruits of the Spirit make individuals able to recover and learn from mistakes well?



## Scripture & Discussion

**Read:** [John 21: 7-19](#)

### Discuss

1. What do you notice about Jesus and Peter's interactions at the shore? How does the reconciliation make you feel? What do you think Peter felt in those moments?
2. "When we fail, God is not done with us. We often let our guilt and shame keep us from accepting His forgiveness. Jesus initiates this with Peter and He does with us too. He won't wait for you to go first; He is waiting for you to respond." Take some time to talk with you Group about some ways (thought patterns, habits, truths, commitments, actions) we can respond daily to God's invitation of freedom.

## Prayer

Pastor Charlie said " the difference between who you are and who you want to be is what you do with your suffering, with your failure, pain, faults, lack of trust, and with things that hurt you." Consider where God is speaking to you in this list, and talk with your Group about it. Pray that God would give each of you direction and a heart to listen and obey so that you each may walk in freedom and light in all areas of life.

## Next Steps

This week, take some time to talk to a friend or a family member about the growth happening in you and celebrate the growth you see in them. (Emotional, mental, spiritual growth.)

Pastor Charlie asked if we could trust Jesus enough to manage our failure. Journal through your feelings and thoughts about trusting Jesus with your failure. Remember, we can have "confidence in His strength and solidarity in His suffering."