



Small Group Study Guide

**SERMON: FAIL FORWARD**

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CrossPointe Church

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**INTRODUCTION:**

Let's discuss the failure that Peter faced and how Jesus showed grace and mercy to him.

**SCRIPTURES TO REMEMBER → Luke 22:31-32 (NIV)**

*"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."*

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. **If comfortable, talk about a time you failed in your life.** Looking back on it, did it help you to make better decisions?
2. **Jesus said, "I have prayed for you."** How does it encourage you to know that Jesus intercedes for believers even when we struggle or fail?
3. **Peter followed Jesus "at a distance."** What are some ways believers today can begin to drift spiritually without realizing it?
4. **When Jesus looked at Peter, it led to repentance.** What is the difference between conviction (from God) and condemnation (from shame or the enemy)?
5. **Jesus expected Peter to return and strengthen others.** How can God use our past failures to help and encourage other people?

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