



AFTERMATH

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS - WEEK 3

SERMON RECAP

On Mother's Day, Matt highlights the significance of recognizing and honoring mothers while addressing the theme of misplaced confidence, using Peter's story as an example of failure. He emphasizes that everyone, regardless of their confidence or achievements, experiences moments of failure, which can lead to feelings of inadequacy and shame. Matt encourages the audience to confront their failures by listening for Jesus' voice, rejecting ordinary life, and recognizing their identity in Christ, which is rooted in grace. Ultimately, he reassures that God's grace is always available to restore and empower individuals, no matter their past mistakes, inviting them to embrace their true identity and purpose.

GET STARTED

- Matt talked about misplaced confidence in certain skills or abilities and gave several examples of what that looks like? In short, some people believe they are really good at some things, but in reality they are not. The opposite of misplaced confidence is perhaps wishful thinking. **With this in mind, what is the one skill or ability you know you are not good at, but wish you were? Have fun discussing this with your group!**

TAKE IT IN

- **What encouraged and/or challenged you from the message this week? Why?**

TALK IT OVER

- Matt highlighted Peter's strong confidence when he declared, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will." This illustrates how overconfidence can set us up for failure. **Can you think of a time in your life when you were overly confident in a situation? How did that affect the outcome?**
- There are times when overconfidence leads to taking someone or something for granted. This can play out in our jobs when we start to coast and no longer think we have to work hard resulting in lack of opportunities or even dismissal. It can play out with our friends when we don't show up for those that need us. It even plays out in marriages when we take our spouse for granted and no longer show care or do nice things for them. **What are some other ways that taking someone or something for granted can be very detrimental? How do we guard against this damaging level of overconfidence?**

- Matt discussed the pain of failure and how it shapes our identities, using Peter's experience of denying Jesus as an example. **Why do you think it's important to recognize our failures instead of just ignoring or avoiding them? How can acknowledging your own failures lead to personal growth or healthier relationships?**
- In the sermon, Matt talks about the “gospel of grace” and emphasizes that Jesus offers grace, inviting us to move beyond our failures without judgment. **How can this grace change our perspective on our mistakes? How can understanding the concept of grace impact the way you handle your mistakes or those of others?**
- Matt pointed out that Jesus still had a calling for Peter despite his mistakes, showing that our failures do not define our future. Sometimes we feel that our past failures somehow disqualifies us from God’s love or being used by God to serve others. In John 21, Peter was told by Jesus to “feed my sheep” after denying Him. **What does this signify about restoration and purpose even after failure? What are some ways you can find purpose in your life after experiencing a setback or failure?**

LIVE IT OUT

It is said that the only benefits to looking backwards is to learn from our mistakes and to see how far we have come. Take some time this week to look back at some of your past failures, not to bring up bad memories, but for the purpose of learning from them and when appropriate, take an inventory of how far you have come since that time. Then, ask God what is the next step he has for you to love and serve him. He has a great plan and purpose for your life no matter your past!

Memorize: *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* **1 John 1:9**