

WEEK 18 - MAY 3 - MAY 9

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP LESSON

MEETING AGENDA



1. **OPENING PRAYER** - Ask one person to open the meeting in prayer.
2. **GROWTH QUESTIONS** - Ask everyone the Growth Questions.
3. **ATTENDANCE**- Take attendance through the DG Attendance System.
4. **TODAY'S LESSON** - Go over this week's DG lesson.
5. **GIVING** - Encourage everyone to give on the App.
6. **CLOSING PRAYER** - Ask for prayer requests and pray.



GROWTH QUESTION #1

Who would like to share a highlight, praise report, or testimony from this week?



GROWTH QUESTION #2

What did you learn from this week's sermon?



GROWTH QUESTION #3

What was your most important accomplishment this week?

JESUS PRAYS FOR US

Luke 22:31-34 (NLT)- 31 "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. 32 But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers." 33 Peter said, "Lord, I am ready to go to prison with you, and even to die with you." 34 But Jesus said, "Peter, let me tell you something. Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me."

BACKGROUND

- Jesus is speaking to Peter just before His arrest. Peter is confident, bold, and convinced that he will never fall away.
- But Jesus reveals something deeper:
 - A spiritual battle is coming.
 - Satan has asked to sift Peter like wheat (to shake, test, and try to break him)
- Yet in the middle of that warning, Jesus gives hope: "I have prayed for you."
- This moment shows us that even strong believers face testing, but our strength is not in ourselves, it is in Christ!



INTERACTIVE QUESTION

Why do you think strong or committed believers still go through seasons of testing?



TRUTH #1

SPIRITUAL BATTLES ARE REAL, EVEN WHEN WE DON'T SEE THEM

Luke 22:31

- Jesus says: “Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat.”
- This reveals something important:
 - There is a spiritual battle happening behind the scenes.
 - The enemy’s goal is to shake our faith, create doubt, and cause failure. His goal is not to test random people, but he is targeting God's children.
- “Sifting” means: separating what is real from what is not. shaking something until weakness is exposed
- The enemy wanted to expose Peter’s weakness, but God would use the process to strengthen him!

Ephesians 6:12 (NLT) – We are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world.

- Not every struggle is physical. some battles are spiritual.
- Don’t underestimate the battle, but don’t fear it either! God is still in control.
- God reminds us to "take heart" because He has overcome the world!
- and if God is for us, who can come against us?



INTERACTIVE QUESTION

How does knowing there is a spiritual battle change the way we respond to challenges?



TRUTH #2

JESUS PRAYS FOR OUR FAITH, NOT JUST OUR COMFORT

Luke 22:32

- Jesus does not say: “I prayed that you wouldn’t go through it.”
- He says: “I prayed that your faith would not fail.”
- This is powerful.
- Jesus allows the testing, But He protects Peter’s faith through it.
- God’s priority is not always to remove the struggle, but to strengthen us through it.
- Faith that has never been tested cannot be trusted.
- You wouldn't walk on a bridge that was never tested, or fly in a plane that was never tested.
- In the same way our faith is tested to reveal its reliability and strength.
- Jesus also gives Peter a future: “When you have repented and turned to me again...”
- Jesus already knew Peter would fail the test.
- But he also knew that Peter would return.

Hebrews 7:25 (NLT) – He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf.

- Jesus is not just aware of your struggle... He is actively praying for you.
- Even when you feel weak, your faith is being sustained by Christ.



INTERACTIVE QUESTION

How does it encourage you to know that Jesus is praying for your faith right now?



TRUTH #3

**FAILURE IS NOT THE END WHEN WE
RETURN TO JESUS**

Luke 22:33–34

- Peter responds with confidence: “I am ready to go to prison and even to die with you.”
- But Jesus reveals the truth:
 - Peter will deny Him three times.
 - Peter was being sincere, but he was overconfident in his own natural strength.
- This teaches us:
 - Passion is not the same as preparation
 - Confidence in ourselves can lead to failure
- Yet Jesus already planned Peter’s restoration: “When you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”
- Failure was not Peter’s end, and failure is not our end!
- God can take what the enemy meant for evil and use it for good and our growth!
- God didn’t disqualify Peter. He restored him and used him.

Proverbs 24:16 (NLT) – The godly may trip seven times, but they will get up again.

- Failure is not final when we return to Jesus.
- Your mistakes don't define you, your response to Jesus does.

WARNING: GRACE IS NOT A LICENSE TO SIN

Just because God can redeem our failures does not mean we should take sin lightly.

- Peter didn't plan to fail, he fell because he was weak.
- There is a difference between falling into sin and living in sin intentionally.
- God's grace restores us, but it was never meant to be abused.

If we begin to think: "God will forgive me anyway..." or "This isn't a big deal..."

- We are no longer walking in repentance — we are drifting into rebellion.

Romans 6:1–2 (NLT) – Should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? Of course not!

- God's grace restores failure, but it does not excuse willful disobedience.
- We don't follow Jesus casually, we follow Him with reverence, humility, and a desire to live differently.



INTERACTIVE QUESTION

Why is it sometimes hard for people to come back to God after they fail?



CLOSING QUESTION

What is one thing you learned from today's lesson that you will apply this week?

GIVING



The ministry of giving meets the needs of others, impacts lives, and results in joyous expressions of thanks to God, becoming a tangible demonstration of obedience to the transformative message of Christ.

2 Corinthians 9:12-13 (NLT)

12 So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God.13 As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ.

Encourage everyone to give their tithes and offerings.

PRAYER



QUESTION #1

Who are you praying for to be saved?



QUESTION #2

Who can you invite to the next meeting?



QUESTION #3

What are your prayer requests?