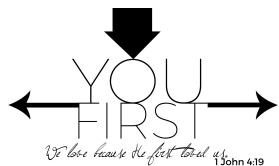




The Good Doctor -HOPEFUL HEALING FOR ALL LUKE 22:54-62

OCTOBER 18, 2020

Right now is the time to merge into a Fall Community Group; commit till the end of the year by finding a group and clicking "Ask to join"
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Peter's failure as a follower

Peter's example as a follower

2 Corinthians 7:10; Galatians 2:11-13; 1 Corinthians 11:27-29

when Peter sinned, he did the following:

1. look at Jesus
2. remember Jesus' words
3. weep bitterly

*NEXT WEEK: Luke 22:63-71

Questions for the Community

Personal Reflection

1. How do you handle rejection?
2. Has fear of rejection ever led you to compromise, to go against what you know to be right and true?
3. Have you ever reflected on the price tag that comes with 'fear of rejection'?

Group Discussion

4. Re-read Peter's denials and Jesus' look in Luke 22:54-62. What would you do if you were tested like Peter? Describe the look of Jesus.
5. Do you ever socially distance yourself from Jesus like Peter did? What forces most tempt you to **keep** your distance instead of **losing** the distance between you and identifying with Jesus?
6. What are your thoughts on being a casual Christian? How about a cool Christian? What type of Christian are you shooting for?
7. Peter finished well but continued to struggle with fear of rejection even as a church leader (see Gal. 2:11-13). Respond to the statement "*Growth wasn't a straight line for Peter and it won't be for us.*"
8. Review the example Peter is to us as a disciple right in the midst of a big failure. Is there hope that is stirred up in you as you consider his life?

Plan of Action

9. Consider your life. This takes time, intentionality and a whole lot of courage! Are you **keeping** your distance from Jesus or actively **losing** your distance? How specifically are you co-operating with Jesus who longs to be intimate with you and you in step with him? Sin is the great divide. It is what produces shame which leads to hiding like our first parents in Genesis. Consider the 3 responses of Peter and including those as a regular practice