



Your group matters.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

*You find \$100 on the ground, there's no one around,
nowhere to turn it in...it's yours.
What do you do next?*

1. Read **John 21:1-6**. If you were Peter, what would you have been doing to stay busy and keep the memories of what you'd done at bay? Been doing much of that lately? Don't answer that out loud...yet.
2. Do you believe that what you've done is worse than Peter; that Jesus could never forgive you? Take some time to process that thought after reading **John 21:7-14** and **2 Timothy 2:13**.
3. Share some examples of experiencing God's mercy with your group—broad strokes are fine, leave time for everyone to share. How can you share the amazing truth of God's mercy with those in your sphere of influence?
4. Peter and Jesus have a come to...well you get the idea. How does Jesus use parts of Peter's own failure to restore him, and in turn set Peter on a path of true greatness? Read **John 21:15-17**.
5. We all fail, just like Peter and Judas. Next time you fail, how will you welcome God's mercy into that failure, even when it stings more than a bit?!

PERSONAL GUIDE

Day One: [Matthew 9](#); [Psalm 98](#)

Day Two: [Leviticus 8](#); [Proverbs 5](#)

Day Three: [1 Corinthians 4](#); [2 Samuel 18](#)

Day Four: [2 Peter 1](#); [Jeremiah 32](#)

Day Five: [Job 36](#); [Acts 14](#)

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“Mercy Changes Everything”

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God's mercy impacts every aspect of our lives and every _____ one of our relationships.

While mercy is one of the primary attributes of God, it's not always the easiest thing to really _____ and fully get our arms around.

- We desperately _____ it for ourselves, but...
- ...but we are less _____ to want to see others receive it, either from us or even from God.

1. When We're _____, Jesus Shows Us Mercy

Note **John 21:1-6**

Jesus could have easily told Peter that their lousy fishing result was a _____ to him that this is what he deserved because of his denials and failures.

Note **Luke 5:1-11; John 21:7-14**

God's mercy isn't based on what we _____.
God's mercy is based on _____.

Note **Lamentations 3:22-23**

God will never _____ on you (note **2 Timothy 2:13**).

2. Jesus Builds His Church Through _____ People Who Need His Mercy (note **Luke 22:32**)

Note **John 21:15-17**

Peter had failed miserably and been completely unfaithful to Jesus, and Jesus didn't _____ his 3 denials.
Remember, we have to _____/embrace God's mercy into our lives.

God never _____ anything, even our failures.

The only people Jesus has available to use are _____, because everyone has failed. (note **Romans 3:23**).

The Church of Jesus has been _____ by failures for 2,000 years.

Am I welcoming God's mercy into my life?

- _____ of Jesus' closest friends failed Him big-time.
- Judas became a _____...
- ...Peter became an apostle and _____ of men.
- Judas had a _____...
- ...Peter had a _____.
- Judas _____ God's mercy...
- ...Peter _____ and embraced God's mercy.
- Will we welcome God's mercy into our lives, or will we resist God's mercy?
- What will you _____ because of how you decide to navigate your failures?

Tell us about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey!
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God's mercy is based on Who He is.

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- Two of Jesus' closest friends failed Him big-time.
- Judas became a traitor...
- ...Peter became an apostle and fisher of men.
- Judas had a breakdown...
- ...Peter had a breakthrough.
- Judas rejected God's mercy...
- ...Peter received and embraced God's mercy.
- Will we welcome God's mercy into our lives, or will we resist God's mercy?
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