

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR LIFEGROUPS

Week 1 - The Resurrected Life - Your Failure Doesn't Define You

In this series called *The Resurrected Life*, we are going to explore the lives of some of the most influential characters in Scripture. These were people whose stories seemed broken, hopeless, and too far gone, yet God was writing a different ending. He brought them from failure to freedom, to a bright future, and He wants to do the same for you. This series will help you see that your past mistakes don't define who you are, and that God is writing a new story of resurrection for your life.

This week is the first week of the series called *The Resurrected Life*. Our Pastors shared some of their own failures, and they did not allow their failure to define them.

- Think about a time when you failed yourself or failed someone else. What were some things that were going through your mind at that time?
- Did your failures try to define you in a negative way? Did they define you in a positive way?
- Have someone in your group read Jeremiah 29:11 out loud. Do you believe God has good things in store for you? Why or why not?
- *In the middle of our failure and future is a faithful God.* Do you know God as faithful? Have people in your group share a few short stories of God's faithfulness in their life.
- Read Matthew 11:28-30 from the Message. To not carry the heaviness of our past mistakes or the heaviness of life, Jesus asks us to come close to him. Have a few people in your group share what they are doing to get closer in their relationship to Jesus.
- A faithful God defines our future, not our failures. Have everyone in the group come up with something that can symbolize God's faithfulness. It might be an object, a Bible verse, or something that signifies a time that you saw His faithfulness. Then have a few people share their idea and commit to take action and display this remembrance where they will see it often, and challenge the rest of the group to do the same.

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