

Sermon Series: RENEWED

Week 4 | 7.26.20 | REDEEMING FAILURE | “God, make me new”

Sermon Overview: By receiving Christ, God gives us a new heart. In following Christ, we renew our minds with Scriptural truth. Pursuing the new things God desires to do in our lives can require that we let go of our past failures. If we allow him, God can redeem our past failures, all for his glory.

Open in Prayer & Check-in: This past week, did you see God at work in you or around you? If so, please share some details.

Guidelines: Review [group guidelines](#) to maintain intentionality within the group.

Conversation Starters: Did you ever fail a class, or a big test in school?

Sermon Notes: What encouraged or challenged you? Did anything prompt you to action?

[Watch this](#) brief focus thought from Pastor Scott with your small group.

Primary Text: [Matthew 14:25-33](#), [Matthew 26:69-75](#), [Acts 2:37-41](#)

Story through Matthew 14:25-33

Quick Question: In this text, do you think Jesus is rebuking or celebrating Peter?

Discussion Questions:

1. Scott reminded us that a 'failure is an event, not a person.'
 - a. Let's be vulnerable. Briefly share a significant past failure in your life.
 - b. How may you have allowed this past failure to become part of your identity?
2. When it comes to God doing something new in your life, is there something you'll need to let go of regarding your past failure?
3. Letting go of the past and embracing God's best likely requires one or more meaningful relationships with others. Who is that for you? Who should that be for you?

Close in Prayer