

- 1 **Jesus' prayer in Luke 22:42 invites us to consider our own prayer life.** Discuss together the balance between praying in faith with confidence of what we ask and the recognition that God's will may be different from what we want. Consider 1 John 5:14-15, Romans 8:26-27, Philippians 4:6-7, James 4:3, John 16:23-24.

⚙️ *Does every prayer need to be qualified with an "if it's your will" statement to be heard by God? In light of Jesus' example of prayer in this passage, what should be a part of our prayer?*

♥️ *How can we think of prayer as a two-way conversation, and what are some practical ways that can happen?*

- 2 **Compare and contrast the what Peter went through in Luke 24:54-62 and Jesus went through in Luke 22:42.** How did each of them respond in the difficulties of the circumstance?

🗨️ *What are some of the reasons Peter crumbled under social pressure? What are some ways believers today collapse under similar pressures?*

♥️ *In your own relationship with the Lord, how have you faced similar temptations as Peter?*

♥️ *How can Peter's fall and subsequent restoration (John 21:15-19) help inform how we think about failure? See also 1 John 1:8-9, Psalm 37:23-24, Proverbs 24:16, Micah 7:8-9.*

3 **In Luke 22:55-62, Peter denied Jesus three times and then was faced with the depth of his own sin.** The text says that he wept bitterly. This kind of spiritual reflection is uncommon in our day. Why do you think it's so uncommon for people to weep over their transgressions or grieve over their sin these days?

♥ *Do you struggle seeing your sin for what it really is? What are some of the reasons that you don't weep over sin like you should?*

🗨️ *What does genuine repentance look like? (2 Corinthians 7:10, 1 John 1:9, James 5:16, Psalm 51:17, Acts 3:19, Proverbs 28:13, Philippians 2:12-13)*

♥ *What aspects of God's character does the forgiveness of rebels, backsliders, and blasphemers reveal? How can you praise God for His steadfast love and mercy?*

4 **How was Peter's experience of brokenness and repentance important to his development?** Consider the following: How our experiences of failure and grace make us more effective in serving others and more empathetic to their struggles. How self-confidence leads to a fall and how that experience humbles us. How our failures can actually strengthen our faith and how seeing redemption for what it is deepens our relationship with God. How brokenness prepares us for responsibility and leadership.

♥ *What aspects of this process of restoration are you most resistant of in your own life and development?*

5 **There are three interesting characters in the end of Luke 22 – Judas, Peter, and Jesus.** In what ways are you like Judas (a pretender), like Peter (a fighter... remember how he cut off the servant's ear), or like Jesus (submissive to God's will)? What has God done to reveal those things to you and grown Christ's likeness in you? What has it taken?

♥ *What would growth to be more like Jesus in His submission to the Father's will look like in your life? How can you pray for each other in that?*