

January 6th, 2026 Touch Tuesday Bible Study Lesson

FAILURE ISN'T FINAL- John 21:15-19

Icebreaker Question→ What's one skill or hobby you tried to learn but initially failed at, and did you eventually succeed or give up?

Read John 21:15-19

Discussion Starter: Why do you think Jesus chose to restore Peter **by a fire**, the same setting where he failed?

POINT 1 — FAILURE HAPPENS EVEN TO THE FAITHFUL

Peter loved Jesus... and still failed. (John 21:15)

- Failure is not proof you don't love God — **it often reveals you tried to do GOD'S WILL in your own strength.**
- The Bible is full of faithful people who failed: Moses • David • Elijah • Paul

Group Discussion Questions:

1. Why do we sometimes believe failure disqualifies us spiritually?
2. How does knowing "faithful people fail too" bring relief or perspective?
3. What is the difference between **failing** and **quitting**?

Reflection Nugget: → Failure may shake your confidence — but it does not erase your calling.

POINT 2 — JESUS MEETS US IN FAILURE WITH FORGIVENESS

"Do you love Me?" — asked three times (John 21:17)

- Jesus does not rehearse Peter's sin — He restores Peter's identity.
- Every question replaced a denial.
- Forgiveness is not ignoring failure — it **redeems** failure.

Group Discussion Questions:

1. Why do we expect judgment from God instead of restoration?
2. What makes it hard to forgive ourselves even after God forgives us?
3. How does grace rebuild identity instead of condemning behavior?

Practical Insight: God does not bring your past up to punish you — but to heal you.

POINT 3 — GOD ALWAYS GIVES ANOTHER CHANCE TO FOLLOW HIM

"Follow Me." (John 21:19)

- Jesus did not send Peter backward — He sent him **forward**.
- Grace does not rewind your story — it **re-writes your direction**.
- Your assignment still stands.

Group Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean that calling survives failure?
2. How does God use humility from failure to shape ministry?
3. What is one area where God may be calling you to "follow again"?

Application Nugget: If you can still hear His voice — you still have a future.