

PREPARE

Teachings from the

Gospel of John



GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

March 19

Read John 13:18 – 14:7, John 18:15-27, John 20:24-29:

Now Jesus was deeply troubled *and he exclaimed, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me!"* – John 13:21

Jesus answered, *"Die for me? I tell you the truth, Peter—before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me."* – John 13:38

"And you know the way to where I am going." "No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?" – John 14:4-5

Q: What are some similarities between the failures of Judas, Peter and Thomas?

Q: Failure is a reality for all people and can take place both morally (in the Christian Life) and practically (in the Life of a Christian). Which type of failure in your life has been the most difficult for you to wrestle through?

Q: Through the lives of both Peter and Thomas, we see that no failure defines us as Christians. Are there areas in your life where you have let failure define who you are? If so, what is holding you back from surrendering those to God?

PRAYER

Introspective prayer: Pray that God would continue to reveal His grace, love and forgiveness to you in a fresh way this week. Pray that God would give you the ability to receive His unconditional love and acceptance.

Prayer for others: Pray for an opportunity to encourage and pray with someone this week who is hurting, broken, and feeling like a failure.

Prayer for our church: Pray for wisdom and humility for the leaders of Westwood Church. Pray that God would give them strength and give them a renewed joy to serve and lead well.

Prayer for our community: Pray for the broken in our community who are feeling abandoned and living under the weight of past failures. Pray that they may encounter the love and acceptance only Jesus gives this season.