

PRACTICAL APPLICATION _____

1. The Gospel is the ultimate response of grace to the failure of mankind. Who do you know that has faced failure and needs to hear the response of the Gospel? How will you pursue that person this week?

2. What are some steps we can take to protect ourselves from falling into sin?

PRAYER REQUESTS _____

MESSAGE NOTES

"Failing Forward"
(Text: Judges 16:23-31)

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Samson's story shows us a failure is an _____, never a _____.

1. _____ doesn't make you a _____ (Judges 16:23-25).
2. God uses our _____ as a _____ for a _____ (Judges 16:25).

Two responses to failure:

1. The natural response is _____.
2. The better response is _____.
3. Even in our _____, God can still _____ His purposes (Judges 16:25-28).
4. Failure never has to be the _____ of the _____ with _____ (Judges 16:29-30).

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CONNECT GROUP HOMEWORK

For the week of February 23, 2020

GETTING STARTED _____

1. What are some ways our culture responds to failure? What is both healthy and unhealthy about these typical responses by our culture?

2. Name some figures in Scripture who God used in spite of their sin and brokenness.

DIGGING DEEPER _____

1. How can our past failures limit our future opportunities?

How do we keep the focus on moving forward as we deal with sin and failure?

2. Samson experienced significant failures in life but didn't allow those to stop him from being used by God. Why is it so important to show repentance instead of remorse when we fail?

According to **2 Corinthians 7:10**, why should we see repentance as a source of hope rather than a matter of despair?

Does repentance mean God removes the consequences of our sin? If not, then what is the purpose of repentance (**Acts 3:19, Acts 11:18, Acts 20:21**)?

3. Read **Ephesians 2:10**. To what "good works" does God call us? How does Samson's story illustrate the truth of this passage?