

Where is God?

**MESSAGE GOAL**

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

▶ **MAIN IDEA**

Since all of us fail at times, this week we discovered that there are right ways and wrong ways to respond to personal failure.

▶ **HEAD CHANGE**

I will believe that failure is an event - never a person.

▶ **HEART CHANGE**

I will accept God's forgiveness.

▶ **LIFE CHANGE**

I will live in victory by putting my past behind me and by trusting God with my future.

# ...When We Have Failed Him

**Discuss**

**What did the Lord reveal to you through this past week's message?** (Did you gain a specific insight into YOUR life? What challenged you? Did the Holy Spirit convict you in any area?)

**Read**

2 Corinthians 5:17

This verse explains that our identity is not based on what we have done, but rather who God says we are.

**Failure is an event - never a person. What does that statement mean to you and how can you draw strength from it?**

**What are some of the lies you have believed about yourself as a result of your past failures?**

**Read**

Philippians 3:12-15

This passage encourages us to realize that while we can't change our past, God can change our future.

**Describe a past failure that you have fully overcome and how you overcame it.**

**What does God's grace and forgiveness mean to you? How has it changed you and helped you overcome your failure?**

**What steps will you take this week to overcome your past failures and live in victory moving forward** (ex. daily read Psalm 51, seek God through prayer, find an accountability partner, etc.)?

**OPEN QUESTIONS**

**Describe a time when you lost a competition or a contest. What did you learn from your failure?**

**Read**

1 John 1:9 & Jeremiah 31:34

**What are some of the lessons you've learned from your past failures?**

**In what ways are the personal failures of your past still impacting you today?**

**Why is it so difficult for us to forgive ourselves even after God has forgiven us all our sins?**