

## VIDEO TEACHING SEGMENT

This week's teaching segment provides a powerful visual for the impact that our past can have on us and an incredible story of the restorative power of Jesus in the life of Peter. These elements will support your dialogue--which begins with a discussion of Judas's betrayal and Peter's denial of Jesus.

## WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

**John 13** is a great backdrop for our *Reflections* this week. Like Cal said, we all have moments in our past we'd rather not remember- moments when something was done to harm us, or moments when we have done something to harm ourselves or others. The people in your group who have experienced deep loss and betrayal may identify most with Jesus in this story. Those who are weighed down by guilt may feel more like a Peter or Judas. *Help your group to see how Jesus empathizes with those who have been hurt and how he has forgiveness for those who have made major mistakes.*

**The last question in this section is:** What do you know about the endings of Judas and Peter's stories? Why do you think they ended so differently?

**Check out Matthew 27:1-5 to read about the end of Judas's story. More information about Peter's story can be found in John 21 (Jesus Restores Peter) and Acts 1 & 2 (Peter Preaches on the Day of Pentecost) and Acts 5 (Peter's Ministry) to name a few!**

## WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

The questions in this section can be pretty heavy. It may be best to **choose one** that your group can discuss thoughtfully and thoroughly, rather than trying to answer all of them. *Remember, there may be people in your group who struggle with the concept of forgiveness due to extreme trauma or abuse in their lives. Be gentle with them as they work through this difficult concept.*

Let your LG Pastor know if you need additional resources to support members in your group who are navigating these kinds of trauma.

## WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

1 Timothy shows us that God can redeem our past, no matter how shameful, painful or despicable. His immeasurable patience and power are put on display when his children live in the freedom and restoration He offers!

