



MESSAGE GROUPS - GUEST SPEAKER: PHILL TAGUE - JUNE 30

LEADERSHIP THOUGHT:

God turns the failure and brokenness of our life into miracles when we trust and follow Him. Instead of letting us stay there, God desires to pull us up and encourages us to try again. To fully experience God's power, we have to ask ourselves if we're willing to go where God wants us to go, even if we risk failure to get there.

ICEBREAKER:

Share a story about a time that your plans didn't go as expected or one of the most "epic fails" of your life. (*Leaders - help your group have fun with this! Encourage them to share stories that they can look back on and laugh about moments when life didn't quite go as planned.*)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read **Romans 8:28** aloud.

- **Q:** *We know that God works for the good of those who love Him, but sometimes His plans are not the same as ours. How do you respond when your plans seem to fall apart? What does this make you feel about your trust in God and His plans for your life?*

God is not surprised by our failure. Through our failure, sin, and mistakes, God is able to weave glorious miracles. Because He is all-knowing, we have to trust His will for our lives even when we feel hopeless.

- **Q:** *Do you believe that God's sovereignty is still at work even in your failure? Why or why not?*
- **Q:** *Read **Acts 2:32** aloud. God's "deliberate plan" for Jesus was to put him on the cross for our sin. His "foreknowledge" was that Jesus would rise from the grave to conquer sin. Does knowing that sometimes your "failure" is actually a deliberate part of God's plan change the way you see pain and setbacks?*

We often look at failure as God saying no to our plans, so we give up. But God doesn't give up on us and doesn't disqualify us because of our sin and failures. His plan is always at work even when we can't see it!

- **Q:** *Where are you believing the lie that you've been disqualified because of sin? How do you think God would want you to respond to the failure in your life?*

CLOSE

The freedom offered through the cross is not for perfect, successful people; it's for broken people who are ready to admit their failures and be honest with God about their need for Him. This is a gift we ALL need - and the great news of Jesus is that his grace for us never expires!

Leaders: *Lead your group into a time of prayer and allow those who are comfortable to ask for healing prayer and encouragement over specific failures or disappointments in their lives.*

