

### **POSSIBLE ICEBREAKER**

- Describe an embarrassing moment from either Jr. High or High School that made you never want to go back to school again.

### **OPENING THE DISCUSSION**

- What was the one thing that stood out to you from this week's message? What question marks or exclamation points do you have regarding Jonathan's talk? What confused you or did you find hard to accept or understand or agree with? Was there anything that grabbed you as new and significant or moved you emotionally or intellectually?

### **DIGGING DEEPER**

- Read Luke 22:54-62
- Based upon the depth of Peter's relationship with Jesus – why do you think it seemed so easy for him to deny his friend in the moment of adversity? Were you able to identify with Peter's emotions, fears, and frustrations he obviously felt as a result of his failure?
- Have you ever had a moment where you "denied" Christ – maybe not as strongly as Peter – but simply by being quiet? How did you respond to this "failure"?
- Do you think it is fair to say that our failures lead us to fear, self-centeredness, and despair – why or why not?
  
- Read I Peter 3:13-15
- Do you think it seems hypocritical for Peter to be encouraging the church to live Courageous, Christ-centered, and Confident lives based on his past failures? Why?
- What are some things that you would say to someone "who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have"? vs. 15

### **APPLICATION (Choose one):**

- What is a specific circumstance in your life that you would like to see shaped by hope rather than defined by failure?
  
- I Peter 3:18 – For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.
- How can you use this verse to help you move beyond the failures of your past?