

TAKE-HOME QUESTIONS

1. Whatever happens, remember what Jesus did for you. Peter and Aaron both did “terrible things.” **Discuss** times in your home when you have had to forgive each other for doing “terrible things.”
2. I John 1:9 says, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” **Decide** how your home will give hope to each other when you do “terrible things.” **Plan** this together, and write it down.

“We know that in all things,
God works for the good
of those who love Him.”
Romans 8:28

3. Example plans should include input from everyone in the home and be simple to remember. Who needs forgiveness and who needs to forgive? What did you learn about yourself and about God through this experience? Pray together.

OTHER RESOURCES

What's So Amazing About Grace by Philip Yancey

Embrace Grace by Liz Curtis Higgs

Respectable Sins by Jerry Bridges

HOPE:

Hope When I've Done Something
Terrible
October 17 & 18

WEEKEND

Peter
Matthew 26

I am certain my faith will hold up in _____
_____ and I will pass the test! (*Matthew 26:31-35*)

I love Jesus with a passionate heart and will
_____ _____ _____ to follow Him!
(*John 18:10*)

I denied Jesus three times, publicly and forcefully! I
did something _____. (*Matthew 26:69-74*)

I was _____ when I realized what I did.
(*Matthew 26:74-75, Judges 10:6-16*)

Jesus' grace was big enough to bring hope in my
hopelessness...He gives new beginnings. (*John 21:15-19*)

Bottom Line:

There is hope when we've messed up because God forgives.

HOPE:

Hope When I've Done Something
Terrible
October 21

MIDWEEK

Aaron
Exodus 32

I was _____ by the people, the culture, and the situation. (*Exodus 32:1, Romans 12:1-2*)

I was swept into _____ . (*Exodus 32:2-4*)

I foolishly introduced _____ . (*Exodus 32:5*)

One sin led to an _____ of other sins. (*Exodus 32:6*)

Judgment, broken tablets, and the _____ of God. (*Exodus 32:7-21*)

I _____ all _____ when I did something terrible. (*Exodus 32:22-24*)

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MINI-CHURCH DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was Peter's "terrible thing"? What was Aaron's "terrible thing"? What impact did their "terrible things" have on Peter and Aaron?
2. What are some of the ways people feel pressure to do things God does not want them to do?
3. What are some tools that could help followers of God respond in a better way?
4. How have you responded to pressure? What are some tools that have helped you?
5. Peter felt very bad when he denied Jesus three times. But Peter was filled with hope when Jesus came back to him and restored their relationship. Have you experienced forgiveness from Jesus for the things that you have done wrong? The discipline of confession is a powerful pathway to hope. If you feel comfortable, break into smaller groups and share some of your struggles. The person listening should...
 - a. Actively listen.
 - b. Assure them of God's forgiveness.
Say Psalm 103:12 "As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us."
 - c. Pray. Do not give advice or try to solve the problem.