11. Read John 18:15-18, 25-27 and 21:15-19. What might Peter have believed would be the end of his story in following Jesus faithfully?

How do these events in the life of Peter illustrate the truth Paul wrote in Romans 8:31-39?

DOING LIFE TOGETHER

12. How is God speaking to you today about the areas of life that you may have previously believed could separate you from His love?

How are you encouraged from the example from Peter's life?

13. When was a time you felt the despair and loneliness of being separated from God like Paul described in Romans 8:31-39?

How was your relationship with Him impacted?

When a crisis hits your life, how does it challenge your view of God's love?

Prayer Requests

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May 3, 2020 Dawn Comes From the Darkest of Night John 18:15-18, 25-27 and 21:15-19

What will I do on Monday with what I have learned on Sunday?

GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

May 3, 2020

THINKING THINGS THROUGH

1. How do you respond to obstacles or unexpected difficulties in life?

What are the things that tempt you to give up when pursuing a goal?

Are there goals you have had to give up in recent months?

2. Are there things that you believe would make God give up on you?

How do you deal with areas of your life that you feel are too much for God to forgive or redeem?

DIGGING DEEPER

READ ROMANS 8:31-34

3. Verse 31 begins with the question, "What, then, shall we say in response to these things?" Look back at verses 28-30. What are "these things" that Paul referred to?

In what areas of life do you find these statements hard to believe?

4. What does it mean to you to read that God is for you?

If you are "for" someone or something, what does that entail?

What example did Paul give as the reason we can have confidence that God is for us?

Why is this significant?

5. What are some of the things you need you have on a regular basis (v. 32)?

How has the enemy attempted to defeat you when it comes to believing God will provide those things?

How can the certainty of God's love help you fight off the enemy's attack?

6. Read Romans 8:1. What do verses 8:31-34 reveal as the reason why "there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus"?

What does it mean to not be condemned and why is this good news for us?

How should this truth change how we live each day?

7. Verse 34 describes the work of Christ on behalf of believers. How does this work uniquely qualify Christ to intercede before God on our behalf no matter what?

READ ROMANS 8:35-39

- 8. In these verses, Paul gave a list of things that cannot separate Christians from the love of Christ. What are you tempted to believe might separate you from the love of Christ?
- 9. The list of potential threats that Paul gave encompasses every possible scenario in life. How might regularly returning to this list remind and encourage you that nothing can separate those who are in Christ from Him?

How can you fill in the blank with anything you fear might separate you from Christ?

10. Paul wrote these things to encourage those who were facing persecution. How should this encourage you to endure in pursuing Christ, even if you are currently facing hardship but not persecution?