



## Announcements

- **101 Starting Point** – Sunday, April 7th, at 5:00 pm at all campuses. Starting Point is the first step toward getting involved at Church of the King by learning about the vision and mission of the church. Register at [www.churchoftheking.com/register](http://www.churchoftheking.com/register).

## Warm-up

Who is someone you admire because they have overcome challenges (defeat, setbacks, injuries, etc.) in life?

Today we will be discussing three people who had to overcome challenges by putting their trust in Jesus.

## Word & Application

**Read Luke 22:54-62.** How do you think Peter felt when Jesus looked at him (Luke 22:61) right after the rooster crowed?

When have you, like Peter, felt the pain of letting someone down? How did you respond?

**Read John 21:16.** Even though Peter failed Jesus, we read in this verse that Jesus still believed in him. How do you think this made Peter feel?

Another person who overcame life's challenges as a result of Jesus' intervention in her life is Mary Magdalene.

**Read Luke 8:1-2.** We clearly see how Jesus healed Mary Magdalene of evil spirits and physical illness. This gave her the freedom to live with purpose.

What baggage has been weighing you down that you need Jesus to remove from you?

As Jesus was dying on the cross he encountered another person who needed a miraculous intervention.

**Read Matthew 27:38 and Luke 23:40-43.** What do you think the thief was thinking when he realized he was hanging on a cross next to a man who could give him eternal life?

The thief on the cross found himself in a situation where he knew the only way he could be saved was through the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ. He could not do anything to earn God's love or salvation because he only had a few hours left to live.

**Read John 3:16 and Mark 10:45.** It is only through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ that we can be saved -- He ransomed our lives by giving his life.

How do you feel knowing that Jesus gave his life as a ransom for you? If you haven't given your life to Jesus and received his ransom, you can do so today.

If you want to receive Jesus' love and forgiveness today let's pray.

**Prayer:** *Jesus, I come to you, a sinner in need of a Savior. I have failed to obey you and I have gone my own way. I choose to turn away from my old life. I ask you to forgive me now and cleanse me. Thank you for shedding your blood for me at the cross. Thank you for making a way for me to be reconciled to you. I believe that you died, were buried, and rose again so that I might be set free from sin and death. I receive what you did for me now. Thank you God, Amen.*

## Prayer

Take time to ask for specific prayer requests from those in your small group.