



**Personal & Group Study Guide:** March 20, 2022

**Message Series:** The Purpose of Pain: How Jesus Makes Sense of Our Suffering

**Message Title:** ABANDONMENT

**Series Intro:** Why does God allow unjust pain and suffering? Why do bad things happen to good people? Whether you're a believer or a skeptic, these questions are near to every hurting, human heart. Every Sunday between now and Easter (Apr 17), we'll explore these questions in search of God's Truth.

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Who are people, organizations, or communities who have abandoned you?

What's the definition of abandonment we are using this morning?

The \_\_\_\_\_ decision where, despite the \_\_\_\_\_, you \_\_\_\_\_

How is abandonment different from betrayal?

How does past abandonment affect future relationships?

Read Luke 22:31-34. What do you think about Peter's bold response to Jesus? Was he being sincere or was he naive of what was to come?

# The STORY CHURCH

Read Luke 22:54-62. What stands out to you about Peter's denial? How do you think he felt when he heard the rooster crow?

How does abandonment lead to further abandonment?

How does Jesus respond to abandonment?

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- 3.

Reflect on this quote. What is abandonment to God?

*"You will never know anything about abandonment until you have realized John 3:16 means that God gave Himself absolutely. In our abandonment, we give ourselves over to God just as God gave Himself for us, without any calculation" - Oswald Chambers*

After the resurrection, how did Peter live out abandonment to God?

What would it look like for you to live a life that is completely abandoned to God?