

Review:

**Lesson 1:** Life-changing Failure

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## Restoration and Prophecy

### John 19:17-27

*Jesus transformed the cross from an image of death and humiliation to a universal symbol of grace and \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Discussion 1.** In today's culture, do you believe the image of the cross is an overall positive image or negative? Explain.

*Prophecy is not a skill; it is not even an intention. Prophets don't determine what is prophetic. God does. And if He can do it through a donkey, He can do it through \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Discussion 2.** How does knowing God can speak through anyone or anything change your approach to "hearing from God"?

*Cause and effect \_\_\_\_\_ with prophecy. The foretold events do not happen as a result of the prophecy; rather, the prophecy happens as a result of the foretold events occurring. Timelines become irrelevant.*

**Discussion 3.** Prophecy is describing something in the future as if it has already happened. That is different from just predicting the future. Why is this distinction important to us as God's people? How does it help us better understand God?

*The restoration Jesus offers is spiritual restoration, to be sure, but may also include physical restoration or emotional restoration. His interest is in \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives.*

**Discussion 4.** It seems that spiritual restoration is always a priority for God. Can you think of any scenarios or reasons why He might choose NOT to restore us physically or emotionally? How are God's priorities different from ours in this respect?

**Discussion 5.** How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?