

# Welcome to Church!

We are glad you chose to join us today to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We hope that your stay will be both meaningful and memorable.

We are a church that seeks to bring glory to God, to build the local church through discipleship and to fulfill the Great Commission.

Here are some activities going on with us!

### **The Sacred Ordinary: Stepping into the Story God is Writing.**

We invite you for **Batch 3** of our retreat on our study from the book of Ruth. Together, we will take time to slow down, listen, worship, and rediscover how God is present and at work in the ordinary moments of our lives.

Retreat details and final dates will be announced soon. For now, we invite you to begin praying and preparing your heart for this meaningful time together.

Registration Fee: ₱3,000.00

### How can we **pray** for you?

Inviting you to join our **Prayer Meeting, Tuesdays at 7PM**. You may **send your prayer requests and praise reports** by text (0912 130 6148), by writing them on the prayer cards provided, or by sending us a private message on our Facebook page.

### Discover life with our **Small Groups**.

Looking for **deeper connections** and a **closer walk with God**? Our small groups are where we cultivate meaningful relationships and grow in faith together. Want to join? Visit our Information Booth after the service to find the perfect group for you!

### Stay for **fellowship** and **refreshments**.

Stick around after the service for **coffee and connection**! It's the perfect chance to meet some friendly faces, learn more about our small groups, our ministries, and discover all that our church has to offer. We'd love to see you there!

### Free **Blood Pressure and Sugar Check-up**.

Encouraging those who wish to monitor their Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar levels to **avail of our free check-up**, happening **every after Sunday service!**




### **Ways to give tithes and love gifts.**




BPI Checking	<b>0421-0041-16</b>
Paypal	<b>@livingwordnra</b>
GCash Account	<b>0912-130-6148</b>

### **Sunday Services**

**English** 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM  
**Cebuano** 4:00 PM

**2nd Floor,  
Northgate Center.**  
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*Worship God. Advance His Kingdom.*

## **THE ONE WHO DID NOT FAIL**

The Passion Narrative: From Betrayal to the Cross

Mark 14:43-72  
Ptr. Nic Sy  
May 3, 2026

### **SERMON NOTES**

#### **I. SOVEREIGN IN HIS SURRENDER (Mark 14:42-52, Romans 8:32)**

kiss | Greek *kataphileó* | “to kiss repeatedly or fervently”

betray | Greek *paradídōmi* | “betray, to hand over”

What do you do when something unjust happens and you cannot fix it?

*Do not build your peace on your ability to control the outcome. Build your peace on the God who holds history.*

#### **II. UNFLINCHING IN HIS CONFESSION (Mark 14:53-65, Isaiah 53:7)**

I am | Greek *egō eimi*

Is there a truth about Jesus that you have been quietly holding back, because saying it out loud in a certain room, to a certain person, would cost you something?

*The issue isn't to win an argument or to be loudest voice in the room; the issue is to be faithful to Jesus.*

#### **III. STEADFAST IN HIS SOLITUDE (Mark 16:66-72)**

*Mark places Jesus' denial around Jesus' confession so we can see the difference between the Savior we need and the disciples that we are.*

Have you ever been more confident in your spiritual strength than you should have been?

*Jesus is faithful in the very place where his disciples fail.*

# “THE ONE WHO DID NOT FAIL”

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of May 4-10, 2026

### GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

When you're really tired, what's your go-to way of staying awake (e.g. coffee, exercise, snacks, etc.)? Does it work?

### GROUP DISCUSSION

#### Read Mark 14:43-72

1. Judas arrives with a crowd carrying swords and clubs, yet Jesus responds with remarkable calm. What details in these verses show that Jesus is not panicking or losing control? Why is the phrase, “*But let the Scriptures be fulfilled,*” so important in understanding his sovereignty even in surrender? How does this change the way we think about suffering, injustice, or betrayal when life feels out of control?
2. Judas identifies Jesus with a kiss, an act that should have communicated affection but instead became a sign of betrayal. Why does betrayal from someone close often hurt differently from opposition or from an obvious enemy? How does Jesus' response help us bring our own wounds of betrayal to God without becoming bitter or vengeful? What would it look like to entrust that pain to the Father while still pursuing what is right?
3. In Mark 14:55-59, the council searches for testimony against Jesus, but even the false witnesses cannot agree. What does this reveal about the injustice of the trial? How do you usually respond when you feel misrepresented, misunderstood, or falsely judged? What can we learn from Jesus about trusting the Father without becoming passive toward injustice?
4. In Mark 14:60-61, Jesus remains silent before false accusations, but in verses 61–62, he speaks clearly when asked about his identity. What does this teach us about the difference between wise silence and faithful speech? Are there moments when silence can be godly, and moments when silence may actually be fear? Where might God be calling you to speak with humility and courage about Jesus?

5. Jesus came out of the tomb and one of his first acts was to send for the person who had failed him most publicly (see Mark 16:7). What does that detail say to you personally? Is there an area of your life (i.e. a failure, a denial, a long step away from Jesus) where you have needed to hear that your name is still on the list? What would it look like to take one step back to Jesus this week?

6. Mark's Gospel places Peter's failure around Jesus' trial: Peter follows at a distance, Jesus stands before the council, and then Peter later denies him. What contrast do you see between Jesus inside the trial and Peter outside in the courtyard? Why is this contrast not only a warning about human weakness but also a source of hope? How does it encourage you that Jesus remained faithful for disciples who failed him?

### NEXT STEPS

*Jesus is faithful in the very place where his disciples fail.*

- **Look to Jesus.** I will fix my eyes on the steadfast Savior when life feels unstable or unfair.
- **Lean on Grace.** I will stop trusting my own strength and daily depend on Jesus through prayer.
- **Live Unashamed.** I will identify with Jesus in my words, choices, relationships, and witness.

### CLOSING THE SESSION

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for humble trust in God's control, courageous confession of Jesus, and renewed hope in the steadfast Savior who remains faithful when we fail.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

### BIBLE READING GUIDE

May 4	<b>Mark 14:43-52</b>
May 5	<b>Mark 14:53-65</b>
May 6	<b>Mark 14:66-72</b>
May 7	<b>John 21:15-19</b>
May 8	<b>2 Timothy 2:8-13</b>
May 9	<b>Psalms 102:1-11</b>
May 10	<b>Psalms 102:12-28</b>

