



Week 7 - Peter's Come Back

RECAP FROM LAST WEEK:

Were you able to complete last week's application steps?

- Have you sought to obey the scriptures, take your thoughts captive, flee from temptation, and remember Christ's sacrifice in order to overcome sexual sin in your life?
- Have you been able to find healing from the sins you have committed in the past?

CONTENT:

What is your favorite comeback story you've ever heard or seen?

Why do we love comeback stories?

Read John 21:1-23.

What did Peter need to make a come back from?

What do you need to make a come back from?

How many times has Jesus appeared to His Disciples?

LEADER'S NOTE: Verse 14.

Put yourself in Peter's shoes, how do you think he would be feeling at this point after He has already seen Jesus multiple times?

What do you think Jesus was referring to when He said do you love me more than these?

LEADER'S NOTE: There are 3 options here. He could be asking if Peter loves Him more than the other disciples do (Peter had claimed that he would not fall away even if they did); he also could be referring to loving Him more than fishing or the fish he ate; and lastly He could be asking if Peter loved Jesus more than Peter loved the other disciples. It seems it may have been left ambiguous for our sake. That question potentially could mean something different for each one of us.

With those 3 options, Peter could be making a come back from a few different things. The first being the shame and guilt of denying Jesus. What are you carrying guilt/shame/regret from?

The second thing Peter is probably making a come back from is pride/self-righteousness (because of his "never fall away" comment). Is self-righteousness something you struggle with?

LEADER'S NOTE: Ask those who struggle to share so that they can be accountable with the group.

The third possibility that Peter would be making a come back from is distraction (loving other things more than he loved his Savior). Have you put other things above your walk with Jesus?

LEADER'S NOTE: Ask those who admit that they have put other things above their walk with Jesus to share for the sake of accountability.

How does Jesus deal with Peter and his failures?

How has Jesus dealt with you and your failure? Is anyone willing to share their story of restoration?

APPLICATION:

Peter's story of redemption brought him full circle and he had to face the same trial as before. He had to stand up for Jesus in a hostile environment. This time he stood up for Jesus rather than denying Him and it eventually cost him his life. What do you need to do to prepare yourself to face that same trial again?

PRAYER:

Oh God, I know I have let you down so many times and I own the let downs. They're on me alone. But now is a defining moment for me: Because in this moment I not only own my let down, but I also own your forgiveness. Therefore, I will stop staying far away from you and I will draw close to you. And now oh God, may I rise up from my let down and may I become a fully devoted follower of Christ.