



## **Week 6 - Peter Restored**

### **RECAP FROM LAST WEEK:**

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

- Who did you share the story of Jesus revealing Himself to Thomas with?

### **CONTENT:**

Have you ever tried to make yourself feel better after being discouraged? What did you do? Did it help?

Read John 21:1-19.

Why do you think they went fishing?

**LEADER'S NOTE:** Ultimately we don't know why they went fishing. Were they going back to their profession, fishing to feed themselves, relaxing, etc.? We can't be sure.

How did their fishing trip go? Do you think it made them discouraged?

Have you ever been through a season of discouragement? What contributed to it? Was it one thing or multiple? How has it affected your relationship with God?

LEADER'S NOTE: Have some people share some examples.

What happens at daybreak?

How does Peter respond? Why do you think he did that?

How many times has Jesus appeared to them at this point?

How do you think Peter would be feeling at this point?

LEADER'S NOTE: It seems that Peter is a whirlwind of emotions. He has already seen Jesus twice and yet here he is throwing himself into the water. Yet later as Jesus talks to him he is grieved.

Have you experienced a mix of emotions after you have failed and been shown grace? What was that experience like?

What does Jesus do for them?

Why do you think Jesus questions Peter?

LEADER'S NOTE: Jesus might be asking Peter if he loves Jesus more than the other disciples do since he so boldly proclaimed that even if everyone else fell away he never would and then ended up denying Jesus. He could be asking if Peter loves Him more than fishing, or maybe if he loves Jesus more than he loves his brothers. Whatever Jesus was getting at, His ultimate goal was restoration. When we confront people our goal should always be restoration!!

How does Peter respond?

Why do you think Peter was grieved after the third time?

How does Jesus wrap up in verse 18?

**LEADER'S NOTE:** He tells Peter in a poetic way that one day Peter will be crucified for his faith. In order for that to happen, Peter would have to get back in the game. Thus the implication was that he was not sidelined for the rest of his life. Instead, Jesus fulfilled His words to Peter that he would be a foundational leader for the church.

**APPLICATION:**

Are you letting Jesus grace get you back in the game or are you still sitting on the sidelines because of your past mistakes? What area of your life do you need to let go of self-pity, embrace grace, and get back in the game?

**PRAYER:**

Oh God, thank you so much for the mission you accomplished through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thank you for the fact that we are saved by your grace alone and that we can walk in the freedom of knowing that we have been made clean by your blood. Help us to share your grace with those around us. In Jesus name, amen.