Forefront Small Group Study



Current Series: Peter: The Unlikely Leader

This Week: Peter's Restoration

Main Idea: Peter's last encounter with Jesus before the crucifixion was around a charcoal fire. Around the fire of shame, Jesus spoke words of restoration: "Do you love me?" And with every answer, He replaced failure with calling. Jesus didn't just forgive Peter—He renewed him, re-commissioned him, and reminded him that grace goes deeper than guilt. So here's the question: Where have you been sitting in the smoke of shame, when Jesus is calling you to rise into renewed purpose? Your past may still smell like failure, but Jesus is inviting you to walk forward in forgiveness and follow Him again.

Icebreaker: Can you share a time when someone believed in you or gave you a second chance, and it made a difference in your life?



Do you need some? We'd like to help. When reading the Bible, try this:

- 1. Read the passage.
- 2. Observe what the passage is talking about.
- 3. Apply it to your life.
- 4. Pray for God to help you apply this daily.
- 5. Take some notes on what you're learning.

NEXT STEPS

Here is a good way to walk this out in your daily life over the next week: In this 5-day Bible reading and devotional study of Exodus 33–37, we'll see the everlasting love our heavenly Father has for believers—so much so that He continues to forgive because He is a God of second chances, over and over again.

GROUP STUDY

Read John 21:15-19

- 1. Why do you think Jesus asked Peter the same question three times? What might He be addressing in Peter's heart?
- 2. How have you personally experienced God restoring you after a failure?
- 3. Jesus tells Peter, "Feed my sheep." What does that look like in your own life and relationships today?
- 4. How does love for Jesus naturally lead to caring for others? Can you think of a specific way to live this out this week?
- 5. Jesus links love for Him with obedience to His calling. What area of your life needs a fresh step of obedience right now?
- 6. In verse 18, Jesus tells Peter about a future that will involve sacrifice. How do you respond when following Jesus costs you something?
- 7. What do these verses teach us about the connection between forgiveness, restoration, and mission?
- 8. If Jesus asked you today, "Do you love Me?" how would your life's actions answer that question?

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