

Never Give Up

PODS Small Group Discussion Questions

1. Think of a time in your life when you wanted to quit something such as a job, a relationship, a goal, or a habit. What made you want to give up, and what (or who) helped you keep going?

2. Read Luke 5:1-11. Peter had fished all night and caught nothing yet at Jesus' command he let down the nets again. What do you think was going through Peter's mind in that moment? What does his obedience teach us about how faith works in our moments of exhaustion and disappointment?

3. Read Proverbs 24:16 (ESV) The righteous falls seven times and rises again, but the wicked stumble in times of calamity.

How would you explain the difference between a righteous person and a wicked person? Why does that distinction matter for how we see ourselves and others?

4. Consider the doctrines of justification, sanctification, and glorification. Which of these three works of God do you find hardest to believe is actively at work in your own life right now and why? What would it look like practically to trust God more fully in that area?

5. Chuck Colson went from a prison cell to founding Prison Fellowship and impacting millions. The Thessalonian church went from severe suffering to becoming a model of faith known everywhere. How has someone else's story of redemption and perseverance given you hope in your own struggles? Is there someone in your life right now who needs to see your redemption story lived out loud?

6. Jesus said to Peter, "Let down the nets." If Jesus were speaking those words directly into your life today, what specific area (a relationship, a habit, a calling, a ministry, a broken situation) is He asking you to try again? What is one step you can take this week to obey that call, and how can this group pray for you and hold you accountable?