

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of April 18 - April 24, 2021

The Risen Life

John 21:1-25: The Restoration of Peter

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

What is your love language i.e. which of these demonstrates love in your mind: words of affirmation, physical touch, quality time, gifts, or acts of service?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

MAIN POINTS

Sin leads to separation, but in order for restoration to take place there must be death that leads to new life.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. **Read John 21:1-14.** What elements of the story described in these verses are the most interesting to you? Why?
 - a. Some scholars and teachers have stated that Peter's return to fishing was a sign that he was returning to his former life i.e backsliding. Do you agree? Why or why not?
 - b. **Read Luke 5:1-11.** There are many similarities between these two stories but also many differences. Compare and contrast them.
 - c. What significance - if any - do you give to the number of fish caught in John 21:11 (153)?
2. **Read John 21:15-17.** In these verses, Jesus repeats his question to Peter three times. What was his purpose in doing this? What did Peter's answers reflect?
 - a. Jesus twice used the word "Agape" in his questions, while using the word "Phileo" the third time. What is your understanding of these words?

- b. **Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-8.** The word for love in these verses is the word “Agape”. Based on these verses, do you believe that Agape love apart from Christ is humanly possible? Explain your answer.
- c. **Read John 21:18-19.** What was Jesus’ purpose in telling Peter this prophecy at this time?
- 3. “Sin leads to separation”. What sin did Peter commit that led to his separation from Jesus? (See John 15: 1-27). Do we sometimes cause separation between ourselves and God through casual sin? How can we seek to be restored?
 - a. How is Peter’s restoration encouraging to us, as people of faith?
 - b. **Read Romans 8:13.** What is your understanding of this verse? How can we respond to Paul’s admonition?

TAKING IT HOME

Looking back at this week’s study, what is important for you to remember and why?

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

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