

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Testimony Week 4: Peter
February 1 & 4, 2024

LEADER NOTES: **New Leader Trainings:** May 19 in-person and May 20 on Zoom; **Spring trimester:** January 22 – May 6.

Attendance reminder text message: If you're not currently receiving the text during your group each week, [click here for a tutorial video on how to opt in](#). Please take attendance as soon as you receive the text. You will still get your email reminder as well. Accurate attendance lets us know who is actively participating in a group and who we may need to help get better connected.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Work With Us: Ministry is more than a job, it's a calling. If you're interested in working at The Church of Eleven22 [click here to see our opportunities](#). One current opportunity is: [Accountant](#).

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: coe22.com/readingplan

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week?

The Point: God uses our tests, trials and even terrible decisions and turns them into a testimony for His glory.

SERMON TEXT: *Matthew 4:18-20, 14, 16, 17, 26; Luke 5; John 6, 13, 18:15-27, 21:1-19*

Discussion Questions

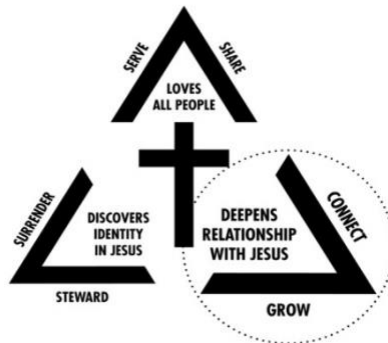
LEADERS: There is no pressure to get through all the questions; we suggest prayerfully planning your choices for your group. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes with each question.

- **What stood out to you in the sermon this week?**
- **Read *John 21:1-19*. What did God reveal to you in the Scriptures this week, maybe for the first time?**
- **Discover:** Based on the text, what faith highs and faith lows did Peter experience? *(Some of Peter's faith highs included: Being personally called by Jesus to "follow me," walking on water with Jesus, feeding the 5,000 with Jesus, time on the Mount of Transfiguration with Jesus, seeing the resurrected Jesus and more! Some of Peter's lows included: Denying Jesus three times before the rooster crowed, questioning Jesus during the storm in the boat, taking his eyes off Jesus and sinking while walking on water, being called Satan by Jesus, arguing with Jesus over washing his feet, cutting off a man's ear, and more.)*
Deepen: Share one of your faith highs and one of your faith lows?
- **God uses tests, trials and even your terrible decisions to write your testimony for His glory. Share about a time when you messed up like Peter did and ran from God, or maybe even returned to your old life. What happened, how did God draw you to Him again and what did He teach you?** *(Most churches today wouldn't hire Peter, yet God used him to build His church. What a great testimony to encourage you. What is God trying to do in your life that you think you are disqualified from doing? What is something simple you can do to move towards the abundant life instead of running from God?)*
- **Discover:** Based on scripture, why did Jesus ask Peter three times if he loved Him? *(Jesus knows how Peter feels about denying Him three times and is essentially saying, I'm not through with you even though you messed up. I knew you were going to do that when I called you and when I purchased you. I demonstrated that on the Cross. When I said, "It is finished," that counted for YOU. Your past does not define you nor does it determine your future! In Matthew 4:18-19, Jesus called Peter to follow him. Even after Peter denied Him, Jesus restored him and extended the invitation to follow Him again. Jesus's question, "Do you love me?" is ultimately about affection. The fight is: who do you love more? Jesus or yourself?)*
Deepen: Where do you need a do-over in your life? How does Jesus offer you something even better than a do-over? *(We don't need a do over; we need a Savior. Jesus does something for us we can't do for ourselves. He doesn't just give us a second chance so we can mess up again, He SAVES us, washes away our sins, and redeems us!)*
- **Discover:** In John 21, what does the Bible tell us about the attributes of the resurrected Jesus? *(Jesus was and is alive! It's the proof our faith in Him is well placed! Jesus appeared in a resurrected, solid body. He ate, walked and talked. This gives us some insight into what our resurrected bodies might be like.)*
Deepen: What would a restorative, fireside "breakfast with Jesus" look like for you this week?

ACTION STEP

A Disciple...Loves All People, Discovers Identity in Jesus, Deepens Relationship with Jesus

- Write out your faith highs and lows and pray about how those fit into your testimony.
- Find one person you can talk to about when/where/how you're running from God and ask them to pray with you about that.
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