

Restored

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Taking it Home:

1. Praise the Lord for the many ways He has been gracious and loving toward you. Give Him thanks for the times He has restored you from sin.

Prayer Concerns:

A. Peter denies Jesus. [John 18:15-18, 25-26]

B. Jesus restores Peter. [John 21:1-19]

C. The amazing realities of restoration.

1. Jesus _____ the _____ to find _____

“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?” [Luke 15:4]

2. God’s _____ is _____ than _____

“The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more.” [Rom. 5:20]

3. Only God can make something _____

“This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” [2 Cor. 5:17 NLT]

4. Jesus _____ our _____ to _____

“I will change their shame to praise and renown in all the earth.” [Zeph. 3:19c ESV]

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting started:

1. In what situations have you felt pressured to go along with the opinions of others?

Digging deeper:

Read John 18:15-18; 25-26

1. Why was Peter so confident that he would never deny Jesus? What made Peter deny that he knew Jesus when he said he would die for Him earlier?

Read John 21:1-19

2. Why do you think Peter and the others went fishing?
3. In what ways is Luke 5:1-11 similar to this story? Why do you think Jesus essentially performed the same miracle again to Peter?

4. Read Luke 15:4 (it's printed on the sermon outline). How is Jesus putting this into practice? What does this tell you about God's love and grace?

5. When you sin, do you tend to avoid Jesus for a while or run right back to Him?

6. Only God can make what was broken brand-new. How did Jesus restore Peter, and for what purpose(s)? What does this tell us about what Jesus can do in our lives?

7. There are 71 references to fire in the New Testament. John alone speaks of a charcoal fire—in 18:18 and 21:9. What is the significance of Jesus setting a charcoal fire for Peter?

8. Zephaniah 3:19c says, *"I will change their shame to praise and renown in all the earth."* How has God changed your shame into praise?