



Life Group Discussion Guide
Conversations with Jesus
Jesus with Peter – John 21:1-17

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Main thought: Fresh starts start with the Father's forgiveness

Outline

- Jesus loves and pursues you
- No level of sin and shame is too great for Jesus
- If Jesus forgives you, forgive yourself
- Start fresh by surrendering your shame to the Savior

Welcome and Fellowship Time (suggested time 10 min)

Open in Prayer

Week in Review (suggested sharing time 5-10 min)

- What have you been thankful for this last week?

Discussion Starter (suggested sharing time 5 min)

- Share a time when you were given a fresh start. How did that make you feel and/or what enabled that to happen?

Sermon Review (suggested time 20 min)

Review John 21:1-17 and discuss the following questions.

- What stood out to you from this passage/message?
- What imagery do you see in this story that reflects other events in Jesus' ministry or Peter's life?
- Why might Jesus have used Peter's old name rather than his new name?
- Why was it significant that Jesus asked Peter about his love three times? Why was it significant that Jesus did this with the other disciples around?
- How did this exchange prepare Peter for what lay ahead for him?



Digging Deeper (suggested time 15 minutes)

Spend some time distributing the materials for “Forgiving What You Can’t Forget” and preparing the group for the new series starting next week

Application (suggested time 10 minutes)

- Jesus loves you and is pursuing you. Nothing you’ve done is too big for His forgiveness. Will you receive His love and forgiveness today?
- What shame or weight have you been carrying around that you need to surrender to Jesus?
- What fresh start does Jesus want in your life that you have been holding back from because you felt inadequate or unworthy? Confess your inadequacies and step forward in faith!

Group Prayer Requests: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*

Spend time praying for each other & praying for application of the study in the lives of the group members. *(Suggested time 10 minutes)*