

Discussion Questions Course 211–2

Large Group

1. Would someone in grades 4–6 tell me something about the Superbook video we watched in our last lesson?
2. Now, would someone in grades 1–3 tell me something else about the Superbook video we watched in our last lesson?
3. For those of you who were here last time, why did Chris deny knowing Joy?
4. After Peter realized that he had denied Jesus, what exactly did he do?
5. Why do you think Peter and the other disciples were afraid to say they knew Jesus?
6. Why do you think some people today may be afraid to say they are followers of Jesus?
7. Jesus cares about everyone, no matter what they have done—and He goes out to search for those who are lost. How does that make you feel?

Small Group

Game

1. After Peter denied knowing Jesus and he remembered Jesus' words about the rooster, what did Peter do?
2. Raise your hand if you have ever lost something that was very valuable to you. If you got it back again, how did you feel when you found it?
3. After Jesus restored Peter, the first task Jesus gave him was to feed and care for His lambs and sheep. Who are Jesus' lambs and sheep?
4. We are His lambs and sheep! What's the difference between a lamb and a sheep?

Teaching

1. How many times did Peter deny knowing Jesus?
2. What have these minus signs become?
3. Do the plus signs remind you of something else?

Discipleship Challenge

1. When we get excited or angry, it's easy to say something quickly, without thinking. What does God want us to do?
2. Did any of you think about this scripture since we met last time? What happened when you did?

SuperVerse

1. Jesus is our Good Shepherd and we are His sheep. How do you think this verse relates to Peter in the Bible story?
2. When Jesus had first chosen them to be disciples, He had called them to fish for people—not for fish! Do you think He wanted them to continue doing what He had asked?

Additional Activities

Craft

1. How do you think Peter felt when he chose to go fishing again; do you think he was looking forward to it?

2. Once before, Jesus had performed a similar miracle for the disciples when they were fishing. Why do you think Jesus performed a miracle like this again?
3. After choosing to follow Jesus, do you think you could ever be at peace and happy inside if you left Him to follow your own ways? Why or why not?
4. Jesus came to Peter and called out to him after he had failed in a time of weakness. How can that comfort us when we sin or make a bad choice?

Bible Study

Matthew 4:18–20

1. When Jesus called Peter, did he hesitate or put it off for another day?
2. What does that show you about Peter?
3. What did Jesus mean by learning to fish for people?
4. As followers of Jesus, how can we apply Peter's response to our lives?

Matthew 14:24–31

1. Why were the disciples so afraid?
2. What did Jesus tell the disciples?
3. What did Peter do to show his trust and faith in Jesus?
4. Peter obeyed and actually walked on the water until what happened?
5. What example can we follow from Peter when we are in trouble or afraid?
6. Do you think it is better to try and fail like Peter, or not to even attempt something like the other disciples; why?

Matthew 16:13–17

1. Did Peter believe what other people said about Jesus?
2. Who did Peter say Jesus is?
3. Who revealed this truth to Peter?
4. What can we learn from Peter's example here?