

Discussion Questions Course 211–3

Large Group

1. What does it mean to say that Peter denied Jesus?
2. Why did Peter do that?
3. Was that the end of Peter's story in the Bible? Did Jesus say, "That's it, Peter. I give up on you"?
4. Our SuperTruth for today is: "Jesus loves me no matter what I've done." How does it make you feel to know that?
5. In Lesson 1, why did Chris deny knowing Joy?

Small Group

Game

1. Near the end of the video, what did Jesus tell Peter to do?
2. If you were here for Lesson 1, what did Chris call his special basketball shot?

Teaching

Signpost #1

1. Jesus had predicted Peter would do this three times before something would happen. What was it?

Discipleship Challenge

1. We are asking God to help us listen, think and pray before we answer someone too quickly out of anger, disrespect or impatience. Would anyone like to share what happened when you did this?

Additional Activities

Object Lesson

1. Peter was heartbroken and believed that he was separated from Jesus' love—maybe forever! Was this the truth?

Race Game

1. If we make a bad choice and disobey God, would He ever stay away from us or refuse to talk to us?
2. After Peter denied Jesus, he probably thought that his actions separated him from Jesus' love and acceptance. Would Jesus ever want to speak to him again?

Coloring Activity

1. What do you think Peter was feeling inside when he realized Jesus was on the shore?
2. Why do you think Peter jumped out of the boat into the water?
3. What do you think Peter was feeling inside when Jesus talked to him one on one after breakfast?
4. Why do you think Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him three times?
5. How do you think Peter felt inside when Jesus told him to care for His lambs and sheep and to follow Him?

Bible Study

Luke 5:1–5 (NIV)

1. Why do you think Jesus sat in Peter's boat to teach?
2. Peter and his companions had just finished fishing. Were they having success catching fish in that particular spot? What was their "net" result?
3. Why do you think Peter did as Jesus said?
4. Why was this such a great act of obedience?

Read Luke 5:6–11 (NIV)

1. What was the miracle that Jesus performed here?
2. Compare verse 5 and verse 8. By Peter's response, what changed in how he viewed Jesus?
3. Jesus told them not to be afraid and to follow Him. Did the men take a long time to think and talk about Jesus' command?
4. Why is this such a great act of obedience; what did it show about the men?

John 21:1–6,15–17,19b

1. How is this story similar to the first story we just read?
2. How do you think it is different? Hint—think of when this took place.
3. Peter had denied Jesus, then Jesus died on the cross and rose again. Why do you think Peter went back to fishing?
4. Why do you think Jesus talked to Peter alone after they ate together?
5. What do you think Peter felt when Jesus gave him an assignment, a job to do again for Him?
6. How do you think Peter felt to hear Jesus once again tell him to follow Him?