



## How to use This Guide:

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with the key questions, add any optional scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps.

## Our Main Idea:

Our past does not determine our future. We can boldly live for Christ, even if we have messed up. Our God is a God of grace and second chances

## Key Questions:

- Have you ever said something foolish that you later regretted? If you're not too embarrassed, share a funny story with the group of one of your slip-ups.
- Despite having denied Jesus three times, Jesus reinstated Peter's calling to lead the church. What does this show us about God's calling and restorative grace?
- Why do we struggle with forgiving ourselves? Is guilt ever healthy?
- Have you ever walked away or turned your back on God or the church? Explain. How did God restore you back to the faith? How has God used that experience to strengthen you?

## Next Steps:

In John 21:18-19 Jesus told Peter serving Him would eventually cost his life, and said "Follow me. " Read Luke 14:26-33. Why do you suppose Jesus told Peter what it would take to follow Him? Why does Jesus require such a high commitment to follow Him? Having counted the cost, why do you still follow Jesus?

## Bible Reading:

Take time to read and meditate on these Scripture passages this week

- John 21:15-17
- 1 Peter 1:1-25
- Matthew 16:21-23
- Luke 22:31-34
- 2 Peter 1:2-4
- Matthew 16:18

### Experience

Your Relationship with God

Matt Chandler shares "Without a heart transformed by the grace of Christ, we just continue to manage external and internal darkness." How can you move from sin-management to grace-filled living

### Equip

Your Relationship with Others

How can you encourage others to leave their past behind and focus on the future? Do you need to seek forgiveness for any of your past mistakes?

### Engage

Your Relationship with the World

Peter was transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. The same Holy Spirit lives in you. How can you be more bold in sharing Christ with the world around you?