

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week’s message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. How do you see God moving in this pandemic? What’s your biblical view of this pandemic?
2. Did you know that the church online platform that ThornCreek is using had 9,734,234 people attend online? There were 69,422 decisions for Christ! ThornCreek had approximately 1,500 people view services from Holy Week through Easter weekend. ThornCreek also had 33 people commit their lives to Jesus Christ on Easter weekend! Praise God! Does any of this surprise you? Why or why not?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

3. Let’s now look at our new series, “Life After The Tomb”. This series will focus on the life of Jesus Christ between the resurrection and the ascension.

According to Acts 1:3, how many days did Jesus walk the earth post resurrection?

4. The Weekend’s message is titled, “...And Peter.” Please read Mark 16:1-7.
 - Why do you think the angel singled out Peter?
 - Where in scripture did Peter famously deny Christ?
 - Find the passage and read it.
 - Can you think of any other time when Peter’s mouth got him in trouble? You can find it in the bible.

5. How do you handle people who hurt you?

Are you still in contact with them?

Is it easy to remember the pain they caused?

Is it easy to cut people out of your life?

Do you ever struggle with wishing hard times for their life? Be honest!

6. Jesus could have cut Peter out of His life and mission. Three strikes and you’re out!
 - Why do you think Jesus didn’t give up on Peter?
 - According to these verses, what motivates God to reach out to us?
 - Please read 1 John 4:1-8; Psalm 86:15; Psalm 34:18; Psalm 147:3; and Romans 8:35-39.

7. Please read John 21:1-17.
 - What are your initial observations?
 - How did Peter respond when he first saw Jesus?
 - How did Jesus treat Peter?
 - What was Jesus’ question to Peter?
 - What do the three questions mean?
 - What was Peter’s response?

8. Someone said, “When you taste the goodness of God, nothing else has any flavor.”
In what ways do you think Peter saw the goodness of Christ?

How has God been good in your life?

9. Peter failed Christ three times. He was ready to go fishing.
How can a spiritual failure hold you hostage?

How can a spiritual failure paralyze your passion for Christ, or your ability to move forward?

10. According to Acts 2:14, who stood up and preached the very first sermon in the Christian Church?
 - Do you think Jesus sees our future potential better than we do?
 - What would have happened if Jesus did not restore Peter?
 - What are you stuck in right now?
 - What do you need to get unstuck from? God has a future for you.

Application

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- “The way we love difficult people is some of the best evidence that the tomb was really empty.” (Bob Goff).
- Don’t assume your spiritual failure is GREATER than the grace of God.
- When you reaffirm your love on someone, it can produce kingdom fruit that far outweighs the hurt and pain.