

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on [thorncreek.church/live](http://thorncreek.church/live))

**Warming up**

1. Have you ever seen or been in a situation you thought was hopeless?

**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. Read Jeremiah 29:10-14. What are the promises that God has for His people?
  - a. Do you feel those promises are for you as well?
  - b. Does God ever break His promises?
4. Do you feel that you know Peter and his character well?
  - a. Check out the personality profile from the Jesus Film Project, <https://www.jesusfilm.org/blog-and-stories/simon-peter-enfp.html>. Discuss what type of person Peter is. Share with your group how you relate or don't relate to Peter.
5. Read John 21:1-14. How many disciples were there fishing?
  - a. Based off of what you know about Peter, why do you think he went fishing?
  - b. Why do you think the others went?
6. Read Luke 5:1-11. Compare this to John 21:1-14.
  - a. What are the similarities?
  - b. What are the differences?
7. Have you ever drifted from what God is doing in your life to go back to what's comfortable like Peter did with fishing?
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  - a. Share with your group your experience. Did God try to call you back?
9. Read John 21:15-19. How many times did Peter deny Christ?
  - a. How many times did Jesus ask "Do you love me?"

- b. What did Jesus tell Peter to do after each love question and response? Why?
10. Look up the Greek words used for love (agapao and phileo). What does each one mean?
- a. Why do you think these two words were used like they were by Jesus and Peter?
11. According to John 21:19 what does Jesus want Peter to do?
- a. Does he want the same for you?
- b. What does that look like for you?

### **Application**

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

- You aren't here by accident! God has a message for you today. He has not forgotten you. He will not forget you.
- It's just too easy to drift away from God and His plans for our life.
- Being a follower of Christ is the best life you can ever have. You are set free, forgiven, cleansed from the sins that keep you separated from God.
- You can live without guilt, without shame, without depression, without anxiety because the Son of God loves you to the point of the cross!
- God has a calling on your life. He has promises for you. As a follower of Christ each and everyone of us are called to share the love of Christ.
- Our faith is built during the times of waiting and trusting. God's faithfulness is seen when there is time between His promise and His fulfillment.
- There is a difference between doing something on your own and doing it out of obedience to God. The results.
- God forgives. God restores. God renews. God delivers on His promises and calling.