

## GO DEEPER

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**Share** with the group:

One of Peter's greatest moments was when he answered Jesus' question "Who do you say I am?" If you had to personally answer who Jesus is to you, what would you say?

**Read Luke 5:1-11**

What do you observe about Peter from this passage?  
Why does Jesus call him? Why does Peter follow?  
What does the way Peter follows say about his commitment to Jesus?

**Read John 18:15-28 - Peter's Denial of Jesus**

What do you notice about Peter?  
What do you think caused him to act the way he did?  
What do you imagine Peter was emotionally experiencing before, during, and after his denial of Jesus?  
Should Peter's denial of Jesus disqualified him from leadership?

**Read Mark John 21:1-18 - Jesus' Restoration of Peter**

Compare and contrast this passage with Peter's denial. Pay attention to all the little details. How does Jesus recreate the scene?  
Why did Jesus restore Peter in the way he did?  
What does this teach us about Jesus?  
How do you think this affected Peter?  
Is there a place in your life where you need to experience restoration?

**Read Acts 4:1-22**

How has Peter changed from when Jesus first called him?  
How has he remained the same?  
What gives Peter the boldness he lacked in John 18?

**Consider the following:**

Peter's spiritual development was filled with ups and downs, victories and failures. How does this compare to your own journey with Jesus?  
What encouragement can you draw from Peter's story?  
How does Peter demonstrate what it looks like to live boldly in God's grace? What would it look like for you to more fully embrace this same grace in your own life? What risks might you take for the Kingdom?

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