

## Small Group Questions ::: A New Job Title ::: John 21



We started this series looking at Peter leaving his occupation as a fisherman to follow Jesus. For three years Peter followed Jesus, sat under His teaching, walked on water with Him, and knew the power that He had. Near the time of Jesus' crucifixion, Peter denied knowing Jesus in attempt to protect himself. As Jesus hung on the cross, Peter was nowhere to be found. In the throes of discouragement, Peter goes back to fishing. Things hadn't turned out how he had planned. In John 21 we read about Peter's restoration as a disciple. Take note that this story takes place on the same shoreline where Jesus originally called Peter to leave everything and follow Him.

1. In 2016 a group of university students put up a chalkboard on the sidewalk of a busy New York intersection. At the top of the board was written: "Write your biggest regret." Share your biggest regret in life.
2. **Read John 21:1-3.** Things hadn't turned out the way Peter and the other disciples planned, so they returned to fishing. They hoped Jesus would be a conquering king, not a humble servant (**Mark 10:44-45**). What do you do when your plans fail?
3. **Read John 21:4-9.** A potential reason the disciples returned to fishing was to meet their physical needs. Share about a time when the Lord provided what you needed despite your fears. (See **Psalm 22:26, Matthew 6:31-32, and Philippians 4:19.**)
4. For some reason the disciples seemed to not recognize Jesus. **Read John 21:4, Luke 24:13-32, and John 20:11-18.** Share about a time that Jesus was working in your life but for some reason you didn't recognize it was Him at work.
5. The night that Jesus was betrayed Peter denied knowing Him three times. **Read Matthew 26:69-75, Mark 14:66-72, and John 18:25-27.** What do you think Peter was experiencing in the days after denying Jesus? How did he feel?
6. **Read John 21:15-19.** Jesus takes Peter for a short walk and invites him back into the original plan of ministry. Where is Jesus inviting you to care for others? (See **Romans 12:17, Philippians 2:3, Colossians 3:23, and 1 Peter 5:2.**)
7. Although Peter had failures in his life, he didn't allow the failures to define him. The account in John 21 would have been helpful for the early church. Share about a time you made a mistake and how the Lord used that mistake to encourage others.
8. Close your time in prayer. Talk about who you will invite to Coastline.