

KNOWN & LOVED

THE **GREAT GOD** STORY



GROUP
RESOURCE

Our Liturgy

The Lord is here — His Spirit is with us.

Where the Spirit of the Lord is — there is Freedom!

CONNECT

— 15 MINUTES

share with each other how you've experienced prayer differently this week after last week's message.

REVIEW

— 30 MINUTES

The Themes of the Great God story:

Presence — People — Authority


Reflect on the ways we sometimes need a 'reality check' in our lives. What does that look like for you?

The gap between expectations and reality cause disappointment which can lead to anxiety, burnout, and depression. How then are we sustain faith?

Read these highlights from Peter's life and consider in each one: what did he learn about God, himself, and his expectations?

- Matthew 4:18-20.
- Luke 5:1-11
- Matthew 14:28-33
- Matthew 16:15-26
- Matthew 17:1-8
- Matthew 26:31-35
- Matthew 26:69-74
- John 21:15-17
 - There are two different Greek words for 'love' in this passage which can impact our understanding.
 - *agapas* is a deep, selfless, unconditional love
 - *philio* is a friendly, brotherly love
 - The Amplified translation (AMP) helps unpack this passage:



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- v. 16–17; Again He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me [with total commitment and devotion]?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You [with a deep, personal affection, as for a close friend].” Jesus said to him, “Shepherd My sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me [with a deep, personal affection for Me, as for a close friend]?” Peter was grieved that He asked him the third time, “Do you [really] love Me [with a deep, personal affection, as for a close friend]?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know everything; You know that I love You [with a deep, personal affection, as for a close friend].” Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep.
 - What is the impact of this level of honesty?

APPLICATION

— 20 MINUTES

- The sustainability of our YES to God requires truth telling. Truth about who God is, what He calls us to, and who we are.
 - “We grew up thinking confession was just telling everyone and God that we’re sorry about stuff. But “I’m sorry” doesn’t lead to transformation. Confession is telling God the truth about what you really believe about him, yourself, and others. It’s the greatest act, a sacrament. God loves honest confession. Confession is the beginning of genuine transformation. If you don’t tell God your truth, how can he enlighten your reality with his truth?” Jamie Winship, *Living Fearless: Exchanging the Lies of the World for the Liberating Truth of God*
 - Sit quietly and invite Jesus to speak truth to you. Tell Him the truth of how you’re feeling and experiencing life right now. Ask Him what He wants you to know and do.
 - Reflect on these passages:
 - 2 Timothy 2:13
 - Psalm 103:13–14
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