



Message Discussion Questions

4/9/2023

SERIES: April Fools

WEEK:#3

MESSAGE: We Are Peter!

COMMUNICATOR: Pastor Kevin Geer

CENTRAL TEXT/S: 1 Corinthians 1:18; Matthew 4:19-20; 74-75

CHECKING IN: How was your week? What was one of the highlights? Share wins (things God did that moved his mission forward and you closer to Jesus). What did you put into practice from last week's discussion?

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS: Choose questions that will work best for your group. Feel free to add to or ask a question in a different way than is written.

1. Share a fun, fantastic, or a frenzy Easter experience either growing up or as an adult.
2. Read Matthew 4:19-20. How do you interpret what Jesus is saying in these verses? What do you think was his expectation? I.e. "Come follow me" and "I will make you fishers of people". Is "fishing for people" a command, optional or only for church staff? What was the disciples' response to Jesus' call?
3. Read Matthew 26:31-35. What are some possible thoughts swirling in the minds of the disciples during this exchange between Jesus and Peter? Do you think Peter's bold statements were foolish, sincere or both? How would you have responded to Jesus in that situation?
4. Peter was pretty adamant about not deserting Jesus. Do you have an area in your life, a sports team, a social cause, a health plan, a life perspective that you are super passionate about? What is it?
5. There may be times in your life when you may be uncertain and fearful of your future. What are some steps that we can take each day to remind us that God is in control?
6. Read Matthew 26:74-75. What do you think was going on in Peter's mind during this exchange with Jesus? How did fear and broken expectations shape his response? Do you think he was justified in his response? Why or why not?
7. We are Peter! What comes to mind when you hear this statement? Can you think of an example from your life where you and Peter are similar or different?
8. Share an example of how God superseded your expectations in life? Think of it as an encouragement to your group and praise to God.
9. Has there ever been a time when you felt like quitting your faith, became bitter or got angry with God because *he* didn't meet *your* expectations? Share that experience.
10. Read Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:23-28. **As a group take Communion together.**

TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE! What is one action step you will take this week in response to our discussion? Be specific. Try attaching a name and date to your action step.

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GROUP PRAYER OPTIONS:

- **Prayer Question:** "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
- **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
- **Ask** if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
- **Pray for the person on your right**, *it can be out loud or in silence*, if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
- **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
- **Have someone in your group keep an active list of the requests and the answers for both the updates and to celebrate the answers.**

Are you interested in the Bible and in helping Life Groups benefit from the weekend message? We have a team for you! Canvas members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email rickz@canvas.church