

Flawed but Faithful - The Story of Peter (week 5)

Cowardice to Courage

Scripture Reading: John 21:15-17

Discussion Questions

1. We are in the fifth week of our sermon series called Flawed but Faithful (the Story of Peter). Today's scripture reading is John 21:15-17. After Peter's three-part denial of Jesus, the resurrected Jesus now initiates a three part blessing and restoration of Peter as one who is called to "Feed His Sheep." Take time to read this text for yourself. What stands out to you as you read?
2. Peter had denied knowing Jesus three times during the night of Jesus's trial. This has surely been weighing heavy on Peter. Now Jesus asks Peter the same question three times, "Do you love me?" Three times Peter replies, "You know I love you." And we read the same reply by Jesus, "Feed my sheep." How do you see this text reflecting back on Peter's denial of Jesus? What parallels and connections do you see?
3. Jesus is the One who knows all things, and He understands that despite this terrible falling, Peter is still a man of faith and commitment. Jesus knows Peter better than Peter knows himself, and the same is true for you. Do you find this encouraging in our own faith walk? Why or why not?
4. In our own Christians walks it's not uncommon to experience a time where we feel like we have fallen away from Jesus. It could be small and subtle, or big and dramatic, either way these moments can be hurdles for us to overcome when we eventually come back to Jesus. Have you ever experienced a season like that? How does Peter's experience of restoration give you hope?