

## **“Forward”part 1. Reaching Up!**

*John 10:10, Matthew 4:18-20, John 21:1-8, 1 Peter 5:6-7*

### **Opening Question(s):**

- Thinking back on your life, what was one of your greatest adventures? What made it so?
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### **Study/Reflection:**

1. *Read John 10:10*, explain what this verse means and means to you? How does this verse help encourage you to live out your faith to the full?
2. Every person that puts their faith in Christ, has an invitation into a life that is an adventure? Agree or disagree? Explain....
3. *Read Matthew 4:18-10*, *What does it mean to follow Jesus?* What kind of a choice did Peter and Andrew have to make? Have you said yes to following Jesus? If so explain....
4. But what happens when those adventures, or hopes and dreams don't go the way we thought they would? How do you respond?
5. *Read John 21:1-8*. God is a God of second chances and moving Forward. How is this passage an incredible reminder of this truth?!
6. The same Peter who denied Christ, ran for his safety and .... How does the passage that he wrote in *1 Peter 5:6-7*, tell you that he understood the idea that when everything seems to not go your way that is the time to Reach Up and trust God!
7. As a church we are started the Forward Campaign, what questions and thoughts might you have? How can you be praying about being a part of this exciting step of faith?

### **Application/Putting into Action:**

- When things don't go your way, the way you thought they would go....how do you respond? How is it working for you? What are some ways that you respond that are not healthy for you? What changes might you feel God is calling you to make?
- In what areas of your life are you needing to trust God, leaning into Him? What is one step that you can take this week?
- “When your life is spinning out of control, it is not evidence that God has lost control, its just evidence that you never had it to begin with.” Respond to this statement...