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## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Describe a time you really let someone down or disappointed them, and then experiences their forgiveness and acceptance. How did this affect you?
2. **Read Luke 5:1-11.** Considering Peter's experience in John 21:1-14, share some of your observations about these two scenes in the life of Peter. Why the miraculous filling of the nets? What are some of the lessons you can draw from these two scenes?
3. Peter went back to fishing after disowning Christ. What does this reveal about how he felt concerning God's plan for his life? How does this encourage you regarding God's plans for our lives?
4. Why do you think Peter was the first one to leave the boat and the enormous catch to go meet with Jesus? How can Peter's response help us when we sin, backslide, or simply just fail?
5. **Read Luke 15:11-32** (Parable of the Prodigal or Lost Son). Describe the father's response to the son after he repented from his life of "wild living" in verses 20-24. How does this reflect our Father's response and Jesus' response to Peter? Notice there is a meal involved in both. What might be the significance of that?
6. **Read Galatians 6:1.** Describe how we are to deal with others who are either in sin or backsliding? What might this look like? What does it mean by "those who are spiritual"?
7. What did you learn in today's discussion about Peter and Jesus? Are there some characteristics from either we can emulate in our relationship with God and other people?

## GOING FURTHER

### MEMORIZE OR MEDITATE:

*The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.* **Lamentations 3:22-23 ESV**

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## Backslider

**Series:** Resurrection Stories (msg 2) **Date:** April 24, 2022

John 13:37

**John 21:1-19**

John 21:1-3

**We walk away for reasons of love.**

- John 18:17-18
- John 18:25-27

**You think the world has something still to offer.**

- John 21:3
- Proverbs 14:14

**You've become spiritually dull.**

- John 21:4-7

**Don't think like Peter, that it's too late to return.**

- Luke 9:62
- Matthew 10:32-33
- Hebrews 6:4-6

**Jesus wants to resurrect your faith.**

**Jesus wants to resurrect your purpose.**

- John 21:7-11

**Jesus comes to resurrect the relationship with him.**

- John 21:9-14

**Jesus wants to confront our rejection and resurrect our commitment.**

- John 21:15-19