

GROUP QUESTIONS: Forgiveness wk 2 w/ John Hearn

1. How are you showing up to this space tonight? Tell us in weather terms (ie. stormy, partly sunny, etc)
2. Take a minute to summarize with your group the main point(s) of the message from Sunday and/or briefly share what stood out to you the most.
3. John showed us some of Peter's journey in his relationship with Jesus. Jesus called Peter out of fishing to follow him. This is the first time we see Peter back to his old job of fishing after Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. John suggested that due to his shame about his denial of Jesus, Peter had been reduced to the person he was before Jesus. He forgot how Jesus had saved him. How might shame keep us from moving forward in life? What can we do to help ourselves or each other when shame is 'loud' in our lives?
4. John pointed to the breakfast Jesus made for Peter and reminded us that Jesus has the table set for us too, regardless of what we have done or not done. Take a moment to imagine Jesus inviting you to a prepared breakfast. How might you feel? What things come to your mind when you imagine Jesus showing up in your life this way?
5. John reminded us that Peter was a friend of Jesus'. Jesus wasn't a Bible passage. Jesus was a close friend. Peter knew things about him - what he liked, whether he was right or left handed, what he smelled like and how he ate and talked. Peter knew the real Jesus. John encouraged us to make sure we know the real Jesus. He encouraged us not to settle for someone else's dumbed down version of Jesus. Who is Jesus to you? How has your version of Jesus changed through the years? Does your version of Jesus extend love without shame to you?