

“Back From Failure” Group Guide

Series: Back to Life

Passage: John 21:15-25

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ICEBREAKER:

Share a time when you tried something and completely failed. (A recipe, a business, a new sport, etc.) How did you handle this failure?

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John 21:15-25

Jesus enters our **failures** to restore our **future**.

- Reaffirm **affection**
- Re-engage **purpose**
- Resist **control**
- Reject **comparison**

None of us will live **free from failure**, but we can live in **freedom through restoration**.



Learning His Way

(Every week in these studies, we will ask questions about the Scriptures that try to help us Discover the unique Way of Jesus found in the text.)

1. Read John 21:15-25.

2. Ponder this passage for a few minutes quietly. Is there anything that you haven't noticed before?

3. Jesus begins to speak to Peter after He invited him to a meal and fed him. Why is that significant?

4. In verse 17 Peter says “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” What characteristic of God is Peter acknowledging?



Forming His Heart

(This is the part of the study where we work on our hearts. “How does my character need to grow and change because of this passage?”)

5. Have you ever felt that grace wasn’t sufficient to heal and restore you? Is there any way you presently might believe this lie?

6. Peter is tempted to control and compare. Are these things that you struggle with?

7. When have you felt God asking “Do you love me?” as he did Peter? What gets in the way of you experiencing love?

8. Is there a person in your life that you need to forgive so that you might move into the future God has for you?



Joining His Mission

(This is the part of the study that we ask, “What would God want us to do because of this passage?”)

9. Jesus clearly states that the sheep are His, but has a role for Peter to shepherd. Who are you currently shepherding? Your children? A grandchild? Small group? Pray for one another in these relationships.

10. How has forgiveness been taught or modeled to you? Compare this way to the way Jesus forgave Peter. How can you forgive like Jesus?

11. Consider ending your time by listening to the song [No More Shame](#) by Matt Wagner.