

# SECOND CHANCES

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John 21:1-19  
The Chapel

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**DIRECTIONS:** Begin with prayer, then read John 21:1-19.

## ■ **GETTING STARTED:** Choose one!

- Read **John 21:1-3**. Things hadn't turned out the way Peter and the other disciples planned, so they went back to fishing. What do you do when your plans fail?
- Share your "second chance" story. What happened, how did you respond?

## ■ **DISCUSS:** Choose a few!

1. In what ways can you relate to Peter's struggle with guilt and shame from past mistakes or failures? What other things keep you from living the full life Jesus wants us to live? How do they affect your relationship with God or your sense of purpose?
2. Even though we believe in Jesus's forgiveness and love, many of us still feel not good enough and doubt ourselves. How do you trust God's promises while dealing with past mistakes or hurts? What steps can we take to let go of guilt, regret, past hurts, and embrace the abundant life Jesus promises?
3. Why does Jesus ask Peter, "Do you love me?" not once, but three times? What do we learn about Peter in his response to Jesus' questioning? What do we learn about Jesus in this passage?
4. If Jesus were to ask you, "Do you love me more than these?" what would your honest answer be? What competes for your love with Jesus being first in your life?
5. What does Peter's restoration reveal about the nature of God's grace?
6. Ted's "big idea was, "Our relationship with Jesus changes our past, our present, and our future." SHARING OUR STORIES is how we tell people what Jesus has done for us; how GRACE redeemed our PAST and gave us a new present and a new future.
  - a. Why is sharing YOUR story important?
  - b. What is YOUR STORY?
    - i. How have your struggles transformed YOU?
    - ii. What lessons have you LEARNED through your struggles that you can share with others?
  - c. How has sharing your story impacted those around you?

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7. Why is it important to prioritize our relationship with Jesus before serving others? How does this order enhance the effectiveness and sustainability of our actions?

8. What do verses 18-19 refer to? What does Jesus' call to "Follow Me" mean? How has God's call in your life led you to places, circumstances, or relationships you would rather have avoided? How has that been a "death" to self? How have you used it to glorify God?

## ■ LIVE IT OUT: Choose 2!

- Jesus first asks, "Do you love me?" This is the foundation for our actions. How can we cultivate a deeper love for Jesus in our lives? What practices or attitudes might help us prioritize this love?
- Who are the sheep God has placed in your life? Jesus commands you to "feed them." In what tangible ways can you demonstrate your love for Jesus through your interactions and care for the sheep He's given you?
- What steps can you take to leave a legacy of love and service?