



Week 13: May 30 – June 5

Welcome/ Introduce Guests/ Share Life (10 minutes) **Recall the Guidelines/ Open in Prayer**

Vision Casting (2 minutes): Entering real life relationships means we will have to be intentional to get to know each other outside of church and small group. Let us work to build relationships through phone calls, serving one another, grabbing a meal or having fun to cultivate real life relationships.

Hook Question (5 minutes): Have you been asked the same question multiple times? How did you feel after the second or third time?

Ask someone to read the background for the story (2 minutes):

Throughout the ministry of Jesus, we see a unique relationship between Himself and Peter. When Jesus met Peter, his name was Simon. Jesus addressed him as “Simon son of John” and then changed his name to Cephas which means Peter. Peter means “rock” which would represent who he would become because of Christ in him. Later in Jesus’ ministry He asked His disciples an important question, “Who do you say I am?” Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Because the Father had revealed this truth to Peter Jesus said, “you are Peter, upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.”

However, Peter was not always faithful. For example, on the night Jesus was arrested, Peter denied that he knew Jesus three times. On the third denial, Jesus and Peter’s eyes met. Peter knew that Jesus was aware of what he had done. The scripture says Peter went away and wept bitterly. Try to image it... how would you have felt if you were Peter? The last interaction Peter had with Jesus before Jesus died was an act of betrayal. Ouch.

After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples on more than one occasion. There was one particular occasion at the sea of Galilee when Jesus appeared to Peter in a very personal way. Jesus knew that He needed to chase the strays with Peter. He knew that Peter needed a spiritual parent who would fight for the relationship and lead him to make amends. Jesus knew that His love for Peter and His purpose for Peter had not changed. So, Jesus arranged it. He was an intentional leader who chased the strays. This is where our story begins...

Tell the story from John 21:3-19 (12 Minutes): Change the storyteller often.

Rebuild the Story John 21:3-19: Group members retell the story as well as possible.

Read the story from John 21:1-19: Ask the group to read these verses.

Discussion Questions: Learn to talk about God’s word with others. **(Take as much time as needed)**

- What do you like or dislike about this story?
- What does this story teach you about yourself?
- What does this story teach you about God?
- How can you relate to this story?
- What is God speaking to you about? How do you need to apply this story to your life today?

Ask for a volunteer storyteller for next week. Close in Prayer.