



Sermon-Based Study Guide  
Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

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### I. Introduction to this Study

After a long night of fishing, the disciples appear to have come up with an empty net. A voice from the shore yells, "Try the other side." John does - a miracle happens - and then he realizes the voice from the shore is that of the Resurrected/Risen Jesus! John proclaims, "It's the Lord, Peter! It's the Lord!" Peter immediately jumps in the water and does the 100-yard dash towards Jesus. They share breakfast around the fire.

Jesus and Peter are aware of what happened the last time Peter stood around a fire. Peter had failed God, but now the Lord God had come to him...

### II. Connecting with One Another

Think of a time you were able to help restore a broken relationship. How were you able to help in that situation?

How did Jesus restore His relationship with Peter? How did Peter respond to Jesus' words? How does this story inspire you to handle your mistakes and failures?

### III. Study the Text

1. Read John 18:1-27 as context for Jesus' interaction with Peter after their breakfast by the sea in John 21:1-14. Can you relate to how Peter might have been feeling since those awful moments a few nights ago, "What was I thinking?" "Why did I run?"
2. How did Jesus emphasize the connection between love and service? What hope does this story offer us? What realities does this story teach us about the cost of discipleship?
3. How can we have the depth of compassion for others that Jesus has for each of us?
4. Reflect on the truth that Peter is once again finding grace at the foot of the cross. When have you experienced God's forgiveness in a meaningful/powerful way? What hinders us from accepting and enjoying God's forgiveness?
5. (v. 19b) "And when Jesus said that, he added this, 'Follow me!'" How have you heard these words from Jesus before? Share how these two words of Jesus might be impacting your faith journey right now.



#### IV. Pray

- a. Encourage one another to keep following/trusting Jesus- Pray for one another!!!
- b. As you reflect on the sermon and then take some time individually and/or with your life group to respond to the study questions, think of a few ways God is encouraging you (personally) to pray and/or take some steps forward in faith.
- c. Ask for prayer in areas of your life where you need a deeper trust that "nothing is impossible with God".
- d. How can this group pray for you and support you during this ISOLATED season OF OUR LIVES?

#### V. Digging Deeper

**Additional Scripture for further study & reflection:** Psalm 103:3-4; Daniel 9:9; Matt. 6:14-15; Acts 10:43; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 3:13; I John 1:9.

