

# **WORDS OF RESURRECTION**

DISCUSSION GUIDE

# Welcome & Announcements

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## Healing for the Ashamed

(John 21.1-17)

### OPENER

*Take a deep breath and answer: How are you doing? (i.e. Rank your week 1-5, high-low, etc.)*

### STUDY/DISCUSSION

>> READ >> John 21.1-17

1. What stands out to you from this story on first read? What is encouraging/challenging/provocative/confusing?
2. In this passage, Jesus gives Peter a “do-over” after his denial of Him, and gives Peter a great task. Jesus wants to rescue him from shame. This time of lock down and stay at home has probably made you experience some shame - being alone, trying to be a parent, trying to get work done, trying exercise, trying to spend time with God, etc. How have you experienced shame during this time? How do you think the love and acceptance of Jesus frees us from shame?
3. The Anglican pastor and bishop, J.C. Ryle wrote in the 19th century: “A man may lack clear head-knowledge and yet be saved. He may fail in courage and be overcome by the fear of man, like Peter. He may fall tremendously, like David, and yet rise again. But if a man does not love Christ, he is not in the way of life. The curse is yet upon him. He is on the broad road that leadeth to destruction.” Has it been easy or hard to love Jesus during this time? What has made it hard to love him? Easy?
4. How does the good news that Christ first loved you, and gave himself for you impact how you love Jesus?
5. How does passage inform our mission; the way we share Christ with others?

### PRAY

Take some time and pray together. Pray “conversationally.” Pray *for* each other and pray specifically for God to use our doubts as a means of growing us up in knowledge and faith.