

Message Discussion Guide Week of November 6, 2022

Message: Peter: Follower, Failure, Forgiven – Children's Sabbath

Key Scriptures: John 8:12, Romans 5:8, 2 Corinthians 5:17

Preacher: Children's Sabbath

Message Highlights:

- * Peter was a devout follower of Jesus. He didn't always understand what Jesus was doing or get it right, but he tried his best.
- *As much as Peter loved Jesus, in his fear, he still denied him.
- *As horrible as it was that Peter denied Jesus, he still was forgiven, restored, and used greatly by Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

- **1.)** Peter chose to leave what he knew (fishing) and follow Jesus into the unknown. Have you ever had an opportunity to follow God's call into an unknown future?
- 2.) What does following Jesus on a daily basis look like for you?
- **3.)** We hear a lot of stories about people who were sinners and then turned to Jesus. But what about those of us who already turned to Jesus and have fallen back into sin? Is it different? Is it worse if you are already a follower?

4.) Read 2 Corinthians 5:17

- **a.** What does this mean in light of Peter's struggle?
- **b.** Can we continually be a "new creation" where we sluff off the sin of yesterday?
- **c.** What does Lamentations 3:22-23 tell us about this?

- **5.)** Charles Stanley notes that when you stray from God's presence, He longs for you to come back. He weeps that you are missing out on his love, protection, and provision. He throws His arms open, runs toward you, gathers you up, and welcomes you home.
 - **a.** What does it mean to you to view God this way?
- **6.)** What practical lessons can you take from this message that you can apply to your life today?