

Easter

Key Passage: John 21:1–22

BELONG

Ice Breaker Question:

Have you ever failed at something and wondered if you'd ever get another chance? What did it feel like to be restored or given a new opportunity afterward?

Leader Notes: *Encourage participants to be honest about moments of failure—at work, in relationships, or in faith—and how they experienced restoration. This will set the stage for understanding Peter's story of failure and restoration in John 21.*

BELIEVE

Read John 21:15–17

Peter's failure didn't disqualify him. Jesus used that moment to invite Peter into deeper trust and greater purpose.

Discussion Questions:

1. **Why do you think Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?" three times? What does this say about how Jesus handles our own failures?**

Leader Notes: Help participants connect this with Peter's three denials and the personal way Jesus restores him. Jesus wasn't trying to shame Peter—He was giving him a way back. Each question was part of the healing. Emphasize Jesus' grace, mercy, and the invitation to begin again. Sample Answer: "It reminds me that failure isn't the end of my story. Jesus still wants to use me."

2. **Read John 21:17. Our love for Jesus naturally overflows into service. We're not just forgiven—we're called to something greater. What do you think it means to "feed His sheep" in your life today?**

Leader Notes: Invite participants to reflect on how they can care for others—whether through mentoring, service, or encouragement. It means serving others, sharing God's Word, and walking alongside people in love.

3. **How does knowing your failures don't disqualify you give you confidence in your calling?**

Leader Notes: Encourage participants to see God's grace as the foundation of their purpose. It gives us courage to step forward, knowing Jesus still invites us into His work.



BECOME

1. **Read John 21:19,22. Following Jesus is not a one-time decision—it's a lifelong journey of obedience, even through difficulty. What do you think it means to follow Jesus right now in this season of your life?**

Leader Notes: Help participants consider how their current roles, relationships, and circumstances can be avenues for obedience. Sample Answer: "Right now, it means being faithful in my workplace and loving my family with intention."

2. **Peter tried to compare himself with John (v. 21). How does comparison distract us from following Jesus fully?**

Leader Notes: Discuss how Jesus calls each of us uniquely and how comparison can lead to insecurity or pride. When we compare, we lose sight of what God is asking us to do. We start focusing on others instead of being faithful myself.

Next Steps:

- Reflect daily on Jesus' question: "Do you love me?"
- Make time this week to "feed His sheep"—serve someone intentionally.
- Memorize John 21:19: "Follow me."

