

Next Week's Life Group: Our Walk with the Lord **Next Week's Story**: Ephesians 4:17-5:17 & Luke 15:11-32

Our Church's Definition of a Biblical Disciple of Jesus

A person who is committed to *following*, *being changed by*, and *on mission* with Jesus (taken from Matthew 4:19).

The Purpose of Life Groups

Life Groups are where we connect with God and with others through relationships – growing in spiritual maturity as biblical disciples of Jesus and inspiring a culture of discipleship as we do life together. Life Groups are loving, safe, and interactive places where people can be authentic and vulnerable as they explore, experience, serve. and grow in relationship with Jesus, the Word, and others. Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 3:12-13, 10:23-25; 1 Thessalonians 5:11.

STUDENT TAKE-OVER
WEEKEND
MAY 25 & 26



STUDENT TAKE-OVER

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Romans 8:15-17

GETTING STARTED

STORY BACKGROUND

Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me." (Luke 22:34). It is no secret that Peter loved Jesus; he was one of Jesus' first followers. Jesus even changed his name from Simon to Peter and proclaimed, "on this rock I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18). But Peter, maybe because of fear or other reasons, denied Jesus three times when He was captured to be crucified. However, this is not the end of the story! After being crucified, Jesus appears to His disciples on multiple occasions. The first time to give them the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23). The second time He appears to them, Peter and Jesus talk face to face. Just as Peter denied Him three times, now Peter proclaims his love for Jesus three times (John 21:15-17).

This week's message was on Romans 8, where Paul talks about God adopting us as actual children of His Kingdom through Jesus. This amazing co-inheritance that we have with our Savior is that God sees us as royalty, and that all past sins are forgiven. He sees us as His children in all aspects of our life, no matter the amount of wrong-doings.

CHOSEN



STORY: John 21:15-17 (Read aloud)

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 8:15

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HEAD LEVEL: These questions help us to examine what the Word tells us.

- What were Jesus and His disciples doing prior to this conversation?
- How many times does Jesus ask Peter if he loves Him?



HEART LEVEL: These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.

- Do you remember how many times Peter denied Jesus? Why does Jesus not give up on Peter?
- What aspects of God's unconditional love are hard to understand?
- If we are truly sons of God through Christ, why do we believe that stumbling divides us from His love? Does doing something wrong in your Christian life divide you from God's Kingdom?



HANDS LEVEL: These questions help us commit to a next step and live it out in our everyday lives.

- What can you do today to make your relationship with God go beyond daily actions, and deeper into the love of eternity?
- What can you do today to show someone else this Fatherly love, which is not based on our good deeds?