



Week 5 & 6

Day 1: Jesus Knows Us Completely

Scripture Reading: Luke 22:54-57

Devotional:

Peter was one of Jesus' closest friends. He had traveled with Jesus, listened to His teaching, and seen many miracles. The night Jesus was arrested, Peter became afraid. As Peter watched from a distance, someone recognized him and said that he had been with Jesus. Peter quickly denied it. He said he did not know Jesus. When Peter felt scared, he made a bad choice. Jesus already knew that Peter would deny Him, but He still loved him. Getting to know Jesus begins with understanding that Jesus knows everything about us. He knows when we are brave and when we are afraid. He knows our good choices and our mistakes. And even though Jesus knows everything about us, He still loves us completely. You never have to pretend with Jesus. You can come to Him exactly as you are because He already knows you and cares deeply for you.

Discussion:

1. Why do you think Peter denied knowing Jesus?
2. How do you feel knowing that Jesus knows everything about you and still loves you?

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for knowing me completely and loving me anyway. Help me trust You and come to You honestly every day. Amen!

Welcome to our Dive In Devo for weeks 5 & 6! Throughout this series, we have been looking at the life of Peter, and what it means to follow Jesus everyday. These weeks, we are learning to Get to Know Jesus through Peter working through shame and forgiveness. Let's *Dive In*, and we hope you will learn so much!

Day 2: Jesus Wants Us Close

Scripture Reading: Luke 22:58-62

Devotional:

Peter denied knowing Jesus three times. Right after the third denial, a rooster crowed just as Jesus had said. Then Jesus turned and looked at Peter. Imagine how Peter must have felt. He remembered Jesus' words and realized what he had done. Peter was heartbroken and began crying. Sometimes we make mistakes too. We may disobey, tell a lie, act selfishly, or hurt someone's feelings. When we do, we can feel ashamed and want to hide. But getting to know Jesus means learning that He does not stop loving us when we fail. Jesus' look toward Peter was not a look of hate. It was a reminder that Jesus knew Peter, loved him, and still had a plan for him. When we sin, Jesus wants us to come back to Him. He wants us to tell Him we are sorry and receive His forgiveness. The more we get to know Jesus, the more we understand that His love is greater than our mistakes.

Discussion:

1. How do you think Peter felt when Jesus looked at him?
2. How does Jesus react when we make a mistake or sin?

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for forgiving me when I mess up. Help me come back to You and trust in Your love every day. Amen!

Day 3: Jesus Meets Us Where We Are

Scripture Reading: John 21:1-9

Devotional:

After Jesus rose from the dead, Peter and some of the other disciples went fishing. They worked all night but caught nothing. The next morning, Jesus stood on the shore, though they did not recognize Him at first. He told them where to cast their nets, and suddenly they caught more fish than they could handle. When Peter realized it was Jesus, he immediately jumped into the water and swam to shore to be with Him. This story teaches us something important about getting to know Jesus. Jesus often meets us right where we are. Peter had failed Jesus, but Jesus did not avoid him. Instead, Jesus came looking for him. Jesus does the same for us. He meets us in our struggles, our questions, our fears, and our everyday lives. He wants a relationship with us. The more time we spend talking to Jesus, reading His Word, and learning about Him, the more we recognize His voice and His presence in our lives.

Discussion:

1. Why do you think Peter jumped into the water to get to Jesus?
2. How can you spend time getting to know Jesus better?

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for meeting me where I am. Help me spend time with You and grow closer to You every day. Amen!

Day 4: Jesus Wants a Friendship With Us

Scripture Reading: John 21:10-17

Devotional:

After breakfast, Jesus asked Peter an important question three times: "Do you love me?" Jesus already knew the answer, but He wanted Peter to understand something important. Even though Peter had denied Him three times, Jesus was giving Peter an opportunity to reaffirm his love. Jesus wanted Peter to care for and help others. This shows us that getting to know Jesus is about having a friendship with Him. Friends spend time together, talk to each other, and learn to trust one another. The more we spend time with Jesus through prayer, worship, reading the Bible, and obeying Him, the closer our friendship with Him grows. Jesus wants us to love Him, trust Him, and follow Him every day.

Activity: "Getting to Know You"

Gather as a family and spend 10–15 minutes asking one another fun questions such like, "What is your favorite memory?", "What is something that makes you happy?", "What is something you are really good at?", or "What is something you would like to learn?"

After everyone shares, talk about how relationships grow when we spend time together and learn about each other.

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for loving me and wanting a friendship with me. Help me spend time with You, learn more about You, and follow You every day. Amen!

Memory Verse

**"Come and follow me', Jesus said.
I will send you out to fish for people."**

Mark 1:17

