

Discussion Guide | John 21:15-25

Gathering Question:

What is one way you've experienced God in your life this week?

Gathering Prayer

Father, by Your Spirit, would You guide us into all truth. Help us to hear and be attentive to Your voice as we work through this study. In the name of Jesus, Your Son, we pray, Amen.

Opening Questions

- What stood out to you in the sermon?
- What insights did you gain?
- What questions did it raise?

Read John 21:15-25

Grace is Comforting

- What do you think Peter expected from Jesus at this moment? How does Jesus' actual response differ from that expectation?
- How is Jesus' posture toward Peter different from the way you speak to yourself?

Grace is Challenging

- Why does Jesus press into Peter's failure instead of avoiding it?
- The sermon mentioned that "Self-forgiveness is impossible." Do you agree with this, or do you struggle with it? Why?
- How is Jesus' response to Peter different from how we normally deal with guilt and shame?

Grace is Personal

- Peter immediately compares himself to another disciple. Why do we tend to compare ourselves to others?
- Jesus responds, "*What is that to you? You must follow me.*" How does this reveal how God works in our lives?

Grace Has the Last Word

- How does Peter's future (including suffering) reshape our understanding of grace?
- Why is it important that grace is not just the *beginning* of the Christian life, but the *whole* of it?
- When are you tempted to believe that failure, shame, or circumstances have the final word instead of grace?

Closing Prayer