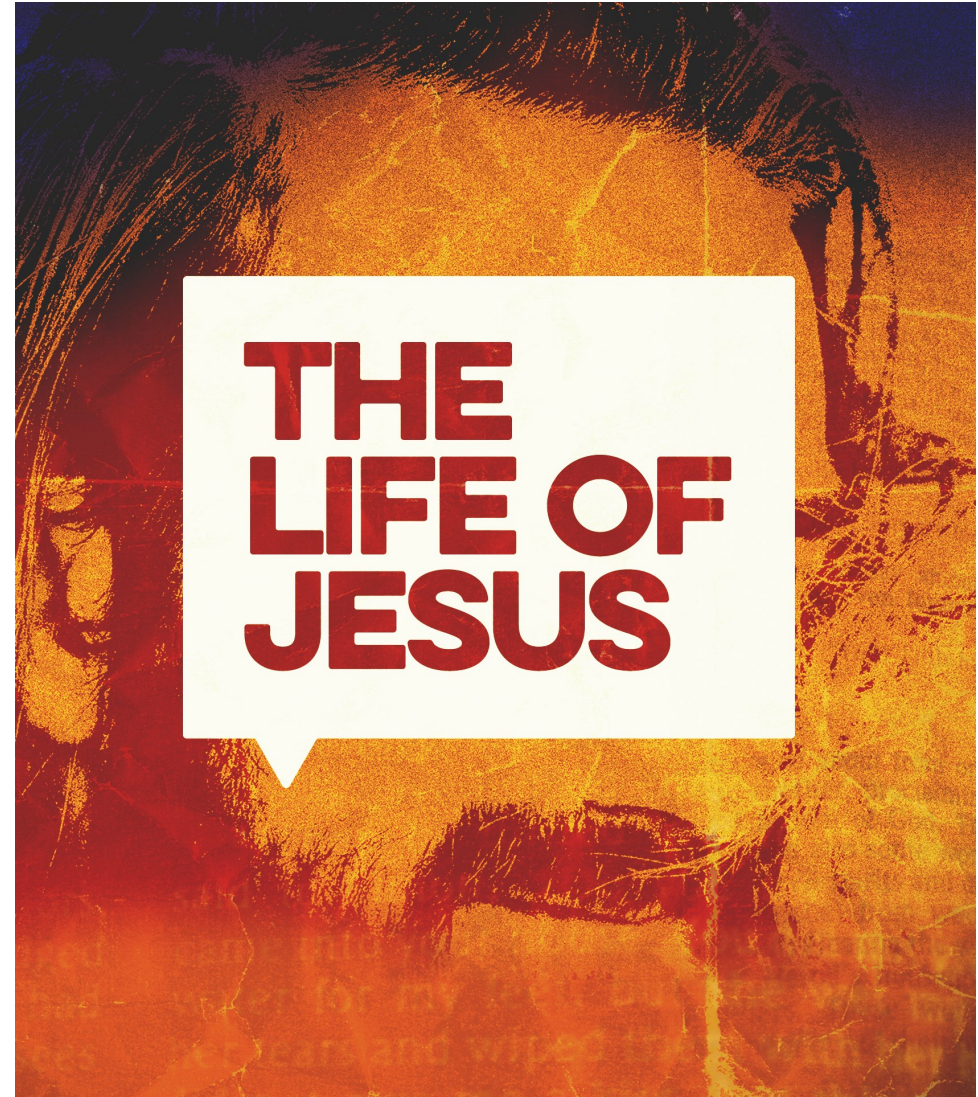


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SERMON SERIES STUDY GUIDE

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JESUS & PETER

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READ: John 21:1-19

Jesus has been raised from the dead. The disciples have seen Jesus after the resurrection. They have talked with him, and seen his wounds. Jesus has commissioned them, and given them the Holy Spirit. This happened on more than one occasion. Because Thomas was missing the first time, Jesus showed up to calm his doubt. With all this encouragement and Godly blessing, what do they do? They go fishing.

While wetting a line to clear one's head and to catch a meal isn't a sin, this was different. Peter was going backwards and taking the rest of the disciples with him. They were going backwards to what was safe and familiar. They were going back to their old way of work and living. Jesus intervenes. Peter needs more than witnessing Jesus being raised from the dead. He needs Jesus' explicit forgiveness and confidence. Peter had denied Jesus three times. Now Jesus gives Peter the opportunity to declare his love for Jesus three times. Jesus also declares three times his confidence in Peter by giving him a charge to, "Feed my lambs, take care of my sheep, feed my sheep." Then he says, "Follow me."

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. When have you been like Peter and denied Jesus?
2. How did you hear Jesus forgive you?

3. We believe in Jesus and his resurrection, so why is it hard to go out and tell others?
4. Why do we feel pulled to the safe and familiar?
5. When Jesus asks, "Peter, do you love me more than these?" What is he referring to?
6. What do Jesus' words, "Feed my lambs, take care of my sheep, feed my sheep," mean to you?
7. What does it mean to follow Jesus?

PRAYER

Father in heaven, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so we encourage all people to know your love. Pour out your Spirit so we know we have your forgiveness and your confidence in us. Pour out your Spirit so that we may follow you wherever you may lead. In Jesus' name. Amen.