

# Community Group Discussion Questions

“Fully Known” John 21:1-19 Sept 9/10

## Getting Started

### Read Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24.

There is nothing that the Lord doesn't know about you. There is nothing hidden, everything is in full view, everything accounted for, nothing missing. These words were not intended to haunt you, but help you know that you are “fully known” to God and “fully loved”.

Take a minute to reflect on Psalm 139 and the words above. What is your response to this reality?

## Going Deeper

### I. JESUS RETURNS TO RENEW: (vs. 1-3)

- Despite Denial: Mark 14:26-31
- Despite Disobedience: Matthew 28:16
- Despite Disappointment: (vs. 3) “Caught Nothing”

When you have chickened out in representing Jesus and effectively denied Him, or when you have knowingly disobeyed Him, or when you have tried to make life work on your own and failed, how do you think Jesus thinks about you?

In John 20, Jesus reveals Himself twice to the disciples. This story is the third time He reveals Himself to them. What does this pattern of persistence tell you about Jesus' heart for those who have denied, disobeyed, or disappointed Him?

## II. JESUS REMINDS TO RESTORE: (vs. 4-14)

- Cast your Nets: (vs. 6) Called You  
“Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.”
- Charcoal Fire: (vs. 9) Convict You  
Peter denied Jesus 3 times around a charcoal fire.
- Fish & Bread: (vs. 9) Care for You  
Jesus fed the disciples and the 5,000 with fish and bread.
- 153 Fish: (vs. 11) Chosen You  
This specific number shows that Jesus knows each one of us.
- Nets not Torn: (vs. 11) Complete You  
In Jesus, we find wholeness and completion
- 3rd Time: (vs. 14) Crown You  
Jesus was in the tomb for 3 days, but is alive, alive, alive!

Jesus, as the master teacher, used 6 different phrases/illustrations to get His point across to His disciples, especially Peter. Jesus could and often does customize His reminders to each of us in order to restore us. Share with us some examples of when Jesus has reminded you He has restored you after one of your failures.

## III. JESUS REPROVES TO REFINE: (vs. 15-17)

- His Origin: “Simon, son of John” (vs. 15/Matthew 16:16-18)
- His Occupation: “More than These” (vs. 15/Luke 5:1-11)
- His Office: “My Lambs/ My Sheep”
- His Obsession: “Love” (Agape) vs. “Love” (Phileo)

### **Read Luke 12:48.**

Both this passage and many others teach us that Jesus has every right to demand that we use all our God-given abilities toward advancing the Kingdom of God. So, every time we choose to live apart from Him, we are squandering our divine potential to impact the world for Jesus. Instead of being frustrated with Jesus for calling us to account, what should our attitude be?

#### IV. JESUS REINSTATES TO REBUILD: (vs. 18-19)

- Glorified in Death: “Stretch out your hands”
- Glorified in Life: “Follow me”

#### **Read Luke 9:23.**

Rather than casting Peter away because of his failures, Jesus reinstates Peter as a leader to help rebuild the disciples' confidence. The way Jesus does this is by reminding Peter that his whole life has to be surrendered to Jesus' leadership. Peter started his journey as a disciple by dying to his old way of life and following Jesus. That same decision has to be made daily by every disciple of Jesus. How faithfully are you 'dying to self' and following Jesus right now?

*Take Away:* It is important to know that all of your sin was future sin to Jesus at the point of His death on the cross. Even though the event of the cross was over 2000 years ago, Jesus KNEW YOU FULLY and died for our sin fully, not missing a single one. Therefore, seek to FULLY KNOW HIM.

#### **Prayer Requests**