


JESUS RESTORES PETER

John 21:15-25

Group Opener: *(Choose a question for your life group to discuss.)*

1. Have you ever felt you failed others who were depending on you? When and how did it happen?
2. If you have brothers or sisters, who among the children had the most chores to do when you were growing up? Who had the least expectations on them?

 **Group Facilitator** – *It is not necessary to use all the questions. Select ones that will stimulate the most response from your small group.*

1. What reasons can you think of for Jesus repeating His question to Peter three times? How does Jesus want Peter to demonstrate loyalty and love to Him now? In light of verse 15, what would Jesus' "shepherd" image mean to Peter?
2. What might Jesus mean by His prediction about Peter in verse 18? Why do you think Peter asked about John in verse 21?
3. What is the crucial issue revealed in Jesus response to Peter in verse 22? How is this linked with verses 15-17?

✓ **Selah (Stop and Think about it):** *(Take the time to make personal application of this section. Have each member share with the group.)*

- What is the closest you have come to thinking you had failed God so badly that you thought you would never feel His closeness again? What did you discover about God during that time?
- In what ways have you compared yourself with other people? What happens when you compare yourself with others?
- Who do you know that needs to experience God's forgiveness? Is there someone who needs to feel forgiven by you? If so, what can you do today to let that person know you have forgiven them?
- If you were writing a book about Jesus' work in your life, what would be some of the chapter titles? How are you looking for Him to work in your life in the days to come?

