



Peter:

- Led by faith v. led by fear
- Passionate v. Impulsive
- The church v. One who denies Jesus

Key Scripture:

Luke 5:1-11, Mark 5:35-43, Matt. 14:25-33
Matthew 16:13-23, Mark 9:2-10, Mark 10:23-3, John 18:8-12
Luke 24:9-12, John 21:4-8 (swims to Jesus)
Mark 14:27-31, Mark 14:66-72, John 21:14-19, Acts 1-2

Getting Started

- Recap what everyone's experience was like for Communion and Easter.
- When Jesus chose His twelve disciples, he gave them each a new identity, but Peter's was probably the most dramatic of a change. What do you know about Peter already?
- What did Peter do for a living?
- In Luke 5:1-11 Jesus calls Peter to follow Him. What do you think Jesus meant when He told Peter he would fish for people?
- In Matt. 14:25-33 we get a very good glimpse of the kind of person Peter was. Based on this story, how would you describe Peter? (A little impulsive, full of faith, but full of fear, hot tempered)

Digging Deeper

- Read Matt. 16:13-20. In these verses (and in other Gospels) Peter is the first one to really understand that Jesus is the Son of God, the Messiah that was prophesied about. Why was this a significant moment in Jesus giving Peter a new identity?
- Following that moment, In Matt. 16:21-23, Jesus explains to the disciples in plain terms (which was rare) that He was going to die and be raised again 3 days later. Peter thinks that is ridiculous and Jesus rebukes Him. What did Jesus mean in v. 23?
- Read Mark 14:27-31. What did Peter promise? Read Mark 14:66-72. What did Peter do?
- It seems ironic that the very person Jesus told He would build His church on in Matt. 16 is the very person who denies Him not once, but three times on His death bed. What do you think Peter was feeling after He denied knowing Jesus?
- Read John 21:14-19. This is after Jesus raises from the dead. Why was this moment so important for Peter and Jesus' calling on his life? (Peter denied Jesus but Jesus reaffirms that Peter would be the foundation of the church here)
- Do you see yourself in any of Peter's personality or struggles? Have you ever felt passionate about Jesus one day and the next you deny Him? Explain.
- As we look at the identity that Jesus gave to Peter ... what can we learn about the identity God has given to us?