

**LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE**: Loved what you heard on Sunday? Want to go deeper? The life group study guide will help you unpack what you heard on Sunday while diving deeper into God's word.

1. Were you ever caught in a childhood lie? What was the situation? How did your parents' teacher respond to you?
2. If pastor Jason could only share one point from the message what would it be and why?
3. Sometimes things from our past can haunt us. Mistakes, failures, traumas, and heartbreaks can trap us in their grasp and rob us of the future that God has for us. When we don't deal with our past and properly address the issues, we often get stuck. Let's take a look at the life of Peter and see how his past got him stuck and how he got unstuck.
  - Read the following verses and jot down any insights, questions, or key observations you may have. Matthew 4:18-20; Matthew 16:18; Matthew 26:33-35; John 18:25-26; John 21:3-19
  - What was Peter's profession before he became a disciple?
  - What did Jesus tell Peter in Matthew 16? What does this mean?

- What was Peter's failure? How do you think he felt?
- After his failure what did he return to from his past at the cost of his future?
- How was he restored? How did he get unstuck from his past? Why do you think Jesus asked Peter three times? What did Jesus say was in store for Peter's future?

### **DIGGING DEEPER:**

1. Is there a sin from your past that God exposed and set you free from? How has God used that experience in your life?
2. Is there anything in your past that is robbing you of the future God has for you? What steps do you need to take to let go?

# REACHING PEOPLE FOR CHRIST

Sunday, November 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

## WHY DO WE HESITATE TO SHARE OUR FAITH?

- WE HAVE DOUBTS
- WE ARE AFRAID
- WE DON'T FEEL QUALIFIED
- WE DON'T WANT TO BE PUSHY
- WE ARE COMPLACENT

## HOW CAN YOU SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS?

### 1. YOU CAN USE WHAT YOU HAVE.

**Luke 5:27-32 (ESV)** After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, "Follow me." <sup>28</sup> And leaving everything, he rose and followed him. <sup>29</sup> And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. <sup>30</sup> And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>31</sup> And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>32</sup> I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

### 2. I CAN INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH.

**John 4:28-30, 39-42 (ESV)** The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, <sup>29</sup> "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?" <sup>30</sup> So the people came streaming from

the village to see him. <sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, "He told me everything I ever did!" <sup>40</sup> When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay in their village. So he stayed for two days, <sup>41</sup> long enough for many more to hear his message and believe. <sup>42</sup> Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not just because of what you told us, but because we have heard him ourselves. Now we know that he is indeed the Savior of the world."

### 3. I CAN SHARE MY STORY.

**John 9:25-27 (ESV)** He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup> They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup> He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?"

