



JULY 30-31

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 21:15-19

OPTIONAL STUDY DURING BREAKS

### John 21:15-19

Pastor Art spoke about the conversation Jesus had with Simon Peter after they were done eating the fish they caught that day. Three times, Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him, with Peter replying, "Yes Lord, you know that I love you."

Pastor Art noted that Jesus asked Peter these questions either to determine whether Peter loved his fishing career more than he loved Jesus or whether Peter still felt the same way about Jesus when he denied Him, after Jesus was arrested.

Here we are reminded whether it's the career or the way Peter felt about Jesus post-resurrection, we know Jesus still had Kingdom plans for Peter, no matter His actions in the past, including denying he knew Jesus three times.

Sermon note 1: God does not see you as a failure, only as one who has **fallen**.

- Have you ever denied God? Share how God has pulled you out of the lie of being a failure and picked you up from the fall. Where has he brought you from and where are you going now?

Sermon note 2: Restoration begins when we hold fast to His **grace** and focus on our **race**.

1. What does the grace of God look, feel and sound like to you?
2. Do you have a verse that reminds you of this grace? If so, please share and discuss this verse and how it helps you to keep pushing through a struggle.
3. To what race did Pastor Art refer when he said we need to remember the grace of God in order to receive restoration? Why?

In a nutshell, Pastor Art reminded us that there WILL be difficult times, struggles, etc. The only hope we have to get past these struggles is through JESUS.

Sermon note 3: Like Peter, our shortcomings do not **define** who we are but they should remind us of who we **need**.

#### **LIVE IT:**

In your quiet time alone with God this week, ask the Holy Spirit to highlight possible shortcomings you may be facing which are hindering you from running your race. Choose to follow God with all your mind, body and soul. Consider sharing in your next group meeting how God has moved in your life through your choice to follow Him and His will for this season.