

Small Group Guide

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The Reset Button



Icebreaker



- If you could go back and be a kid again, what video game or toy from your childhood would you want to experience again?
- If you had to eat one meal from your childhood for the rest of your life, what would it be?



Discussion



- In the sermon, Peter's decision to go fishing is described as him trying to "hit the reset button" and remember what he knew before. Can you relate to this idea of going back to something familiar or comfortable during times of confusion or transition?
- There are three ways we can respond to Jesus' words: ignore them, agree without action, or active obedience. Which of these responses do you tend to struggle with the most, and why?
- In the story, Peter's response to Jesus changed drastically between the two miraculous catches of fish. What do you think caused this transformation in Peter's heart and attitude towards Jesus?
- "Our mess isn't a barrier to Jesus; it's a billboard for His grace." How does this truth challenge or encourage you in your own walk with Jesus?
- The sermon encourages us to "dive in" to Jesus' grace and forgiveness, even in the midst of our mess and failures. What practical steps can we take to do this more consistently in our daily lives?



Thought for the Group



In Luke 5, early in his journey with Jesus, Peter was overwhelmed by Jesus' power and felt unworthy, telling Jesus to depart from him because he was a sinful man.

But in John 21, after Jesus' death and resurrection, when Peter's own failures and denials had left him feeling empty, he responded with reckless abandon. As soon as he realized it was Jesus on the shore, he jumped into the water and swam straight toward his Lord and Savior.

What made the difference? Peter had witnessed the full journey of Jesus' ministry, culminating in His sacrifice on the cross and the power of His resurrection. He realized that his own failures did not disqualify him from Jesus' love and forgiveness.

Like Peter, we don't have to be held back by our past mistakes and sins. We can hit the reset button and dive straight into Jesus' abundant grace and mercy.

Jesus doesn't call us because we have it all together. He calls us in the midst of our brokenness so that His power and sufficiency can be displayed through our lives. Like Peter, we can leave everything behind and follow Jesus with reckless abandon when we realize the depths of His forgiveness and love.

So don't stay stuck in your past or remain paralyzed by fear and guilt. Take the first step, jump in, and experience the reset and fresh start that Jesus offers.



Next Steps



Make your own "Grace Jar" of reminders of God's grace and miracles. Write down every blessing, miracle, provision, answered prayer, or moment of grace you can think of from your life so far. Take an honest inventory of the areas where greed or selfish desires have crept in and taken priority over your relationship with Jesus. Repent of these and make a plan to realign your priorities.