

Small Group Resources
10th April 2016



<p>Theme & Passage(s)</p>	<p>What happens next – discipleship John 21 v 15 to 19 Matthew 4 v 18 to 20 Matthew 16 v 15 to 18a Matthew 26 v 69 to 75</p>
<p>Welcome</p>	<p>Ask people within the group to share their experiences of coming to know Jesus. What “encounter with Christ” resulted in them making a decision to follow Him?</p> <p>Ask people to write down a definition of the word “discipleship” without using any tenses of the verb “to follow”</p> <p>Using a large sheet of paper and some coloured pens take 5 minutes to brainstorm different phrases that you could use to replace the verb “to follow”</p>
<p>Worship</p>	<p>Psalms and songs: I need you Jesus, to come to my rescue Will you come and follow me (Songs of Fellowship 1120) Psalm 139</p> <p>Worship Ideas: Spend time thanking God for the different times that you have encountered Him</p>
<p>Word/ Read & Reflect</p>	<p>Begin in silence, welcoming the Holy Spirit to guide you.</p> <p>Read the passage – John 21 v 15 to 19 and then be silent. Read again. Be silent once more, attentive to the Spirit. Share out of this experience...</p> <p>If time, consider some of the following questions... Why did Jesus ask Peter three times whether he truly loved him? What was Jesus saying to Peter when he commanded him to “Feed my lambs”, “Take care of my sheep”, and “Feed my sheep”?</p>

	<p>In what way are Jesus commands to Peter about “sheep” similar to Jesus’ response to Peter’s confession that we read about in Matthew 16? In what way are they different?</p> <p>Is Jesus’ call to Peter to “follow me” in Matthew chapter 4 different to Jesus call to Peter to “follow me” in John chapter 21? If so, how?</p> <p>Jesus said that Peter was a rock and said that He would build His church on this rock. How are Peter’s identity as a rock and Jesus’s statement about church-building linked?</p> <p>Throughout these passages we read about the call of God on Peter’s life by using moments when Peter and Jesus had face to face encounters. Who else is involved in helping Peter outwork his call?</p> <p>How does the way Jesus interacts with Peter in this discipleship relationship mirror how Jesus interacts with us?</p>
Working it out	<p>Peter’s discipleship journey could be described in four stages:</p> <p>Stage 1 – the general call to follow</p> <p>Stage 2 – the individual call which is deeper and specific to Peter</p> <p>Stage 3 – Disconnection</p> <p>Stage 4 - Reconnection, release and fulfilment</p> <p>Using these stages split the group into pairs or threes and ask people to share with each other what stage they are at in their discipleship journey. Whilst one person is sharing ask the others to be aware of what God is saying about the stage that the sharer is at in their discipleship journey. Once people have shared take the opportunity to pray with a specific focus on moving them closer to stage 4. If people in the group are at stage 4 then pray for greater fulfilment.</p>
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