



Opening (5-7 minutes)

- Icebreaker Question: Share a time when you acted impulsively or said something you later regretted. What motivated your actions in that moment?
- How do you relate to Peter's bold yet flawed personality as described in the sermon?

Background Passages: Matthew 16:21-23;
Galatians 2:11-12; John 18:10; John 21:15-19

Discussion (30-40 minutes)

Peter's "Insecurity":

- The sermon suggests Peter's actions (e.g., rebuking Jesus, hypocrisy in Antioch, denying Jesus) stem from insecurity rather than overconfidence. Do you agree? Why or why not?
- How can insecurity manifest in our lives in ways that resemble Peter's behavior?

Epic Meltdowns:

- Peter's impulsive actions, like cutting off Malchus' ear or denying Jesus, show a pattern of seeking approval or reacting out of fear. Can you identify moments in your life where fear or a desire to "fit in" led to poor decisions?
- How do these "meltdowns" affect our relationships with others and with God?

Repentance and Restoration:

- The sermon highlights repentance as the key difference between Peter and Judas. What

does Peter's restoration in John 21:15-19 teach us about God's grace and the process of repentance foreknowledge (John 6:70, Mark 14:21). How does this balance of free will and God's sovereignty challenge or encourage you?

- How can we practice true repentance (not just regret) in our own lives?

Seeking God's Approval:

- Peter struggled with seeking approval from others, shifting his behavior based on the group he was with. How do we see this "double-tongued" behavior in our lives or in the church today?
- What practical steps can we take to focus on seeking God's approval rather than people's approval?

Homework/Challenge:

- This week, reflect on John 21:15-19 and write or journal about a time you experienced God's restoration after a failure. If willing, come prepared next week to share how this reflection impacted your perspective on God's grace.

Closing Prayer:

- Thank God for His grace and mercy, as seen in Peter's restoration.
- Pray for strength to recognize and turn from insecurities and to seek God's approval above all.



Use the questions below to help extend the impact of the weekend message. They are not only useful in your LifeGroup, but try discussing with your family, friends, and co-workers for even greater understanding and spiritual growth.