



## Study Guide - Week 3

### Ice Breaker 🧊

**Random Question:** What is your most embarrassing travel fail, like getting lost in a place where no one spoke your language or accidentally boarding the wrong train and ending up in a completely different country?

**Move of *Hypothetical*:** If you had to move to one state you've never lived in before, which would it be and why?

### Sermon Recap 🎬

Ever felt like you've failed God too deeply to be used again? In this powerful message, Danny takes us from the depths of Peter's denial to the heights of Pentecost's power. Through a vivid journey from a breakfast on the beach to the birth of the church, we discover how Jesus doesn't cancel our failures—He transforms them into platforms for His glory. Drawing parallels between Peter's story and our own, this message reveals how the same Spirit that turned fearful fishermen into bold witnesses is still moving today. Ready to move from spectator to participant in God's ongoing story? Don't miss this inspiring reminder that you're not just reading history—you're writing it.

## Read Scripture

### **John 21:1-7 NIV**

<sup>1</sup> Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee.<sup>[a]</sup> It happened this way: <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus<sup>[b]</sup>), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. <sup>3</sup> "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

<sup>6</sup> He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

<sup>7</sup> Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.

## Discussion Questions

▼ Danny talks about Peter going back to what was familiar (fishing) after denying Jesus.

- Why do you think we tend to go backward instead of forward when we feel we've failed God?
- What 'familiar places' or old habits do you find yourself returning to when your faith is tested or when you feel you've failed?

## Read Scripture

### **Acts 2:29-41 NIV**

<sup>29</sup> "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. <sup>30</sup> But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. <sup>32</sup> God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. <sup>33</sup> Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

"The Lord said to my Lord:

"Sit at my right hand

<sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies

a footstool for your feet."<sup>[f]</sup>

<sup>36</sup> “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

<sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

<sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

<sup>40</sup> With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

## Discussion Questions

▼ In Acts 2:38, Peter tells the crowd to 'Repent and be baptized... and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'

- How did Peter transform from someone who denied Jesus to someone who could boldly preach to thousands?
- When have you experienced a transformation in your own faith journey that gave you more boldness to share about Jesus?

▼ Danny emphasizes that 'failure doesn't disqualify you - it defines your platform.'

- How does this perspective change the way we view our past mistakes and God's ability to use us?

▼ Danny states that 'the Book of Acts never ends' and that we are 'Acts 29.'

- What does it mean to be part of the continuing story of God's movement today?

## Application Questions

- What past failure or mistake have you been allowing to hold you back from fully engaging in God's purposes for your life?
- What specific step of faith might God be calling you to take to be part of His continuing movement in our world?

## Final Thought

No matter our shortcomings, God still works in us. We are the continuing story of God in the world today. We need to surrender and believe in Him to move today. Because we are the move of God.

## Prayer 🙏

- Ask for any personal prayer requests from the group.
- Pray for the courage to take a step of faith, just as Peter did.
- Ask God to open new opportunities for ministry and service in the coming week.
- Pray for the strength to leave behind what's familiar and trust in God's path.

## Rewatch the Sermon 📺

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