

## **May 3, 2026 Small Group Questions**

### **John 21:15–19**

### **“Death to Self; Resurrected Life in Christ”**

This study follows Peter’s encounter with the risen Jesus, tracing the movement from failure, to loving confrontation, to restoration, and into a life shaped by “dying and living” with Christ. As a group, you’ll explore how Jesus exposes the deeper roots of sin, restores with grace, and forms a community marked by both truth and love.

### **Read John 21:15–19**

1. What stands out to you in this interaction between Jesus and Peter? What surprises you, or raises questions for you?
2. Why do you think Jesus asks Peter the same question three times? What might he be doing in Peter through this repetition?
3. Jesus asks, “Do you love me more than these?” What do you think “more than these” refers to? How does this connect to Peter’s earlier claims about the other disciples? (*John 21:15; cf. Matthew 26:33*)
4. Peter is grieved by Jesus’ third question. In light of 2 Corinthians 7:10, what might be the difference between worldly sorrow and godly sorrow? Which do you see in Peter here?
5. Verse 15 notes that this conversation happens “when they had finished breakfast.” What significance might the shared meal have in this moment? What does it communicate before Jesus even speaks?
6. After Peter’s confession, Jesus says, “Feed my lambs...tend my sheep.” How does this moment shape the kind of community Jesus is forming? What might it look like for a community to hold both truth and love like this?
7. Jesus tells Peter about the kind of death he will die, and calls him to follow. How does this connect to the pattern of “come and die that you might truly live”? What might that look like in your own life right now?