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February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
*Small Group Discussion Questions*

**Getting Started**

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.  
Expect God to move through your time together!

**Pacing Your Group**

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

**Scripture Reading**

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

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**Observation: *What do the scripture passages say? Read John 21:1-19***

1. What details in verses 1–8 connect this fishing moment to Peter’s original calling, and how does Peter respond when he realizes it is Jesus? (See Luke 5:1-11)
  2. What is the significance of the charcoal fire in verses 9–14, especially when compared to Peter’s denial in John 18? (Notice the setting Jesus intentionally recreates.)
  3. In verses 15–19, what pattern do you see in Jesus’ three questions, Peter’s responses, and Jesus’ commands—and how might this mirror Peter’s earlier failure?
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**Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?***

***How do the scriptures connect to everyday life?***

4. When you think about confrontation, are you typically motivated more by the Gospel and restoration—or by preference, pride, or frustration? What reveals that in your life?
  5. Is there a “charcoal fire” conversation you have been avoiding—either confronting someone in love or receiving loving correction? What is keeping you from stepping toward restoration?
  6. Where might God be calling you to grow from “phileo” affection toward deeper “agape” commitment in your obedience to Christ? What would that next step look like practically?
  7. Jesus still gave Peter a mission (“Feed my sheep”) after his failure. How does remembering your calling help you move forward instead of being defined by past sin or shame?
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**Surrender: *Responding to God’s voice.***

8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**\*\* Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today \*\***

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