

Message Notes

Fresh Start part 1: Day One

John 21:15-17

→ remnants of a difficult past

#1 The past doesn't need to be an **anchor**.

→ my fault your fault no one's fault God's fault

→ the backstory - **John 13 & 18**

→ the past was an anchor for Peter

#2 The core of agape is uncompromised **action**.

The core of philia is unchanging **relationship**.

→ Jesus asks Peter three questions - **John 21:15-17**

→ Jesus' agape, not yours, is the key

#3 Forget **your** past by remembering **His** past.

#4 A Fresh Start is **possible** for you.

Group Questions

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1. Share a time when you either had (or wanted) a fresh start. Was it a blessing? What did you learn from that situation?
2. Give an example of the past being a guide for your life.
Give an example of the past being an anchor on your life.
3. What emotions come up when you view a disappointing past through the following lenses:
a. my fault b. your fault c. no one's fault d. God's fault
4. Before we read from John 21, describe the situation that led up to this conversation between Jesus and Peter. (cf. John 13 & 18)

How do you think Peter was feeling leading up to the conversation?
5. **Read John 21:15-17.** Describe the difference between love (agape) and love (philia).

Why does Peter hesitate to describe his love as agape? Can you relate to Peter's hesitation? Why or why not?
6. Nowhere in these verses does Jesus say, "I love you," or "I forgive you." How do we know that Jesus loved and forgave Peter? (There's an answer in the verses and in the setting.)
7. A Fresh Start is possible for you. How does Jesus' love for you and resurrection help you get past the past? It may help to consider the question through the lens of:
a. my fault b. your fault c. no one's fault d. God's fault