

June 29th, 2025Simon Peter Restored
John 21

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John 21:15–19 (NIV)

OVERVIEW

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Ps 139:7-12; Matt 28:20

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3. **Jesus invites** us into a _____.
Matt 22:36-40

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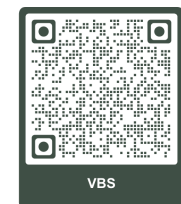
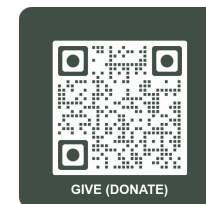
Read John 21 noting things that stand out to you and share some of those with the group.

Why do you think people often attempt to distance themselves from God when they feel they've failed him? How does chapter 21 of John repudiate that kind of thinking?

What does it mean to you that Jesus invites us to have fellowship with him?

What does it look like for you to follow Jesus in the way that John Mark Comer describes in *Practicing the Way*: WWJD IHWM? What would Jesus do if he were me?

What's the biggest takeaway for you from the Gospel of John?



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