

RESURRECTION!

ENCOUNTERING THE RISEN JESUS TODAY

Restoration
John 21.15-19

Key Points :

- The resurrected Jesus meets Peter who is carrying shame. After all the excitement of Easter, Peter's returned to what he knows best - fishing in Galilee. But he's still carrying guilt and shame of his 3 x denials of Jesus in John 18 (the charcoal fire in Jn 21.9 (cf. Jn18.15-18) and the covering up nakedness in Jn 21.7 (cf. Genesis 3.7) point to this).
- Guilt says, I did something wrong. Shame says, I am wrong, leading us to hide from God
- Jesus addresses this head on - He reminds Peter of his core identity as a disciple of Jesus and recommissions him as a pastor (v.15). Where we're carrying guilt or shame, Jesus invites us to be restored. God wants to restore i) your relationship with Him and ii) your purpose.

Questions:

Conversation Starter

1. Is there a smell that makes you recall a particular memory/place/event?

Start Thinking & Sharing

2. Jesus spells out Peter's future of persecution and death before inviting him to "Follow me" (v.19) Do you think that we fully understand the implications of following Jesus? Would it help if we did?!
3. Do you sometimes feel distant from God? Is there anything that you're carrying guilt or shame about?
4. If Jesus asked you "do you love me?", what would your response be? How would it make you feel?

Start praying. Be bold, and pray specifically.

5. *Jesus, we're so sorry of where we've fallen short of your plan for us and for where we've allowed the enemy to rob us of your abundant life. Where we're carrying shame, we pray that you would bring restoration of our relationship with you and of our purpose. Amen.*

Start doing. Commit to a step, and live it out this week.

6. Take some time to write down those areas where you're carrying shame. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and then take them to Jesus in prayer. He will restore you!