

SET FREE

"IT IS FOR FREEDOM THAT CHRIST HAS SET US FREE"
[GALATIANS 5:1]

Talk summary:

Main message: Jesus sets us free from past failures , Peter do you love me?

Key verse: John 21:15-17 Simon son of John, do you love me

Overview

Peter made a big mistake. He said he would NEVER deny Jesus but after Jesus died and his grief and torment, he did just that. He had let down the Jesus who had loved him and taught him and trusted him. In John 21 we have a glimpse of a 1:1 conversation between Peter and the risen Jesus where he seems to remind Peter that loving God is the most important things and reaffirms his plans for Peter – confirming that the big mistake/failure has not excluded him from doing big things for and with God.

Questions:

Conversation Starter (suggestions – no need to use all of them!)

- What is your typical response when you make a mistake? What is your first response? Does that change when you have had chance to think about it a bit more?
- Think about a time when the mistake was a big one and one that you thought you would NEVER make (this does not need to be shared with the group)
- Have you talked to God about the mistakes that are troubling you or are you avoiding Him?
- Is God highlighted plans or passions that you have abandoned because of a past mistake?
- Is your mistake or failure defining you
- how does God define you?

What might God be saying to me about this theme/situation?

What have I learnt from the teaching passage that I want to hold on to?

How am I going to put it into practice?