

1. Peter the fisherman

- a) John 1:35–42, first mention of Simon Peter
- b) Mark 1:16–17; Matthew 4:18-19, fisherman
- c) Luke 5:1–9
 - i) What lesson can we learn from the initial response of Simon Peter?
 - ii) What lesson is Jesus teaching here with the miraculous catch of fish?
 - iii) Why are these fishermen willing to abandon everything and follow Jesus?
- d) What has Jesus called you to leave in order to follow Him?

2. The confession of Peter

- a) Matthew 16:13–17
- b) When did you come to the compelling conviction that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God?
- c) Why was it so difficult for Peter to accept the news that Jesus would suffer and die? Matthew 16:21–23
- d) Why is it so difficult to let go of your cherished opinions even when those ideas clearly conflict with the Word of God?

3. Walking on the water

- a) Matthew 14:13–22, the context
- b) Why did Jesus dismiss the disciples and the crowd immediately after the feeding of the 5000? (John 6:14–15)
- c) Matthew 14:22–33. What important lessons can we learn from this story?

4. Denying Jesus

- a) Luke 22:31–33. What lesson can we learn from Peter’s self-confident response?
- b) The prophecy of Jesus, Luke 22:34
- c) Peter’s denial, Luke 22:54-62
- d) Why didn’t Peter hang himself like Judas?
- e) How is Peter’s response to his failure helpful for us when we stumble and fall?

5. Reinstated as a leader among the disciples

- a) John 21:15–22
- b) Acts 2:1–4, 12–18
- c) Acts 4:8–13
- d) Acts 9:32–35
- e) How do you explain the fact that Peter emerged as a leader in the early Christian church even though he had publically denied Jesus? (Galatians 1:18)
- f) What lessons did Peter still need to learn? Galatians 2:11–13
- g) How has God shown His amazing grace to you despite past failures?

