



# SIMON PETER

His Faith  
and Ministry



## LESSON 1

# Who Was Peter?

Peter was a fisherman before he became a disciple.

- What miracle did Jesus perform?
- How did Peter respond to Jesus' miracle?
- What career change did Jesus have for Peter and his fellow fishermen?

Peter was a leader among the disciples.



Peter was a faithful follower of Jesus who sometimes experienced doubt.

- Did Peter demonstrate faith or doubt?
- Why did Peter doubt?

- Can you describe a challenging time when you found it difficult to trust the Lord?
- What would you do or say to encourage a friend in a similar situation?





# Closing





## LESSON 2

# Peter's Highs and Lows

High: Peter was among the first to recognize that Jesus had a special relationship with God the Father.

What are some of the miracles  
Jesus performed?

High: Peter was among the first to recognize that Jesus had a special relationship with God the Father.



Low: Jesus rebuked Peter.

High: Peter proclaimed his loyalty to Jesus.

How could a Christian be overconfident in their spirituality or in their perceived commitment to Christ?

Low: Peter denied Jesus three times after falling asleep when he should have been praying.

Have you ever experienced pressure to choose between following Jesus or distancing yourself from Him?

What did you do?



# Closing







## LESSON 3

# Peter's Recommissioning

What have you learned about Peter so far in our study together?

Jesus appeared to the disciples and gave them encouragement and instructions.

- Jesus gave the disciples peace.

Have you ever had a broken relationship  
that you wanted to see restored?

# Jesus appeared to the disciples and gave them encouragement and instructions.

- Jesus gave the disciples peace.
- Jesus gave the disciples the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit...

- |            |              |                |
|------------|--------------|----------------|
| • Convicts | • Seals      | • Assures      |
| • Baptizes | • Sanctifies | • Prays        |
| • Indwells | • Fills      | • ... and more |



# Jesus appeared to the disciples and gave them encouragement and instructions.

- Jesus gave the disciples peace.
- Jesus gave the disciples the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus gave the disciples a mission to preach the gospel.

Jesus appeared to the disciples and  
recommissioned Peter.

- Have you ever felt like you were unfit to serve Jesus?
- How might Peter's experience encourage you?



# Closing





## LESSON 4

# Peter's Bold Witness for Christ



Peter preached to a crowd, and 3,000 people were saved.

- Have you ever witnessed something so amazing that you had to tell others about it? What was it?
- What are some amazing things about Jesus and the gospel that are worth sharing with others?

Peter was arrested for preaching the gospel.

At different times and in different places,  
sharing the gospel has been forbidden.

What should Christians do in situations  
where it's illegal to share the gospel?

Peter was arrested for preaching the gospel.

# Peter performed miracles.

- Peter and the apostles healed many people.

- Do people recognize you as a follower of Jesus? Others may not suspect you of being an evil person, but would others consider you a faithful follower of Jesus?
- Do you spend time with the Lord?
- Are you actively serving God?

# Peter performed miracles.

- Peter and the apostles healed many people.
- Peter healed Aeneas.



- What are some good things that believers can do to serve others?
- Do you ever thank the Lord for doing good things through other people?

# Peter performed miracles.

- Peter and the apostles healed many people.
- Peter healed Aeneas.
- Peter raised Dorcas from the dead.

- Have you ever helped to meet a physical need?
- Have you ever helped someone with a spiritual need?



# Closing





## LESSON 5

# Peter's Ministry in the Early Church

God called Peter to take the gospel to the Gentiles.

How do you think a Jew would respond to an invitation from a Gentile?



God called Peter to take the gospel to the Gentiles.

God delivered Peter from prison.

- Have you ever been encouraged to learn that others were praying for you?
- Are you currently praying for someone who is going through some difficulty?

# God used Peter to write Scripture.

- 1 Peter

What are some trials and difficulties  
believers face today?

# God used Peter to write Scripture.

- 1 Peter
- 2 Peter

## 2 Peter 1:5–8

- Faith
- Virtue / Goodness / Moral Excellence
- Knowledge
- Temperance / Self-control
- Patience / Perseverance / Steadfastness
- Godliness
- Brotherly Kindness / Mutual Affection / Brotherly Affection
- Charity / Love

- What is one quality from this list that you would like to implement better?
- What are some steps you can take to make that happen?



What happened to Peter?



# Closing

