

A SECOND CHANCE AT EASTER

MAIN TAKEAWAY

The resurrection of Jesus is personal, practical, and powerful. Easter is about what happened to Jesus, but also about what can happen to you—God specializes in second chances!

INTRODUCTION

Have you ever fallen unexpectedly? What happened?

Peter “fell” when he denied Jesus three times. How does Jesus’ interaction with Peter after His resurrection reveal that Easter is about second chances?

UNDERSTANDING

READ JOHN 21:4-17

***Easter is Personal.* Why wasn’t Peter’s failure a surprise to Jesus? Why is this significant, considering that Jesus chose Peter?**

Jesus died on the cross for you. While we rightfully proclaim that Jesus died for the world (John 3:16), why must we also remember the personal nature of Christ’s sacrifice (Galatians 2:20)?

***Easter is Practical.* When Peter and the disciples went back to fishing, how did Jesus meet them personally and practically?**

How does this interaction—the disciples' empty nets and Jesus' call from the shore—illustrate a search for God and the way that only Jesus can provide what we are looking for?

***Easter is Powerful.* Pastor Greg said, "Because of Jesus's resurrection, the tomb is not an entrance to death but to life." In what way did Jesus take the "stinger" out of death (1 Corinthians 15:54-57)?**

God specializes in second chances. How is this revealed throughout the entire Bible? Share examples.

APPLICATION

Pastor Greg said, "We live in an uncertain world with so much fake news, bad news, and scary news. I have good news in a bad world: Christ is risen!" How do you practically remember the gospel of Jesus each day?

How has Jesus turned your *endings* into *new beginnings*?

In what ways do you need to see God's personal, practical, and powerful touch for a second chance in your life? In the lives of others?

PRAYER

Give thanks to the God of second chances. Rejoice in the resurrection of Christ—for His personal, practical, and powerful restoration. Pray for others who need a second chance in Christ.