

DISCOVERING LIFE TOGETHER SERIES: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
PART 5 — ENDINGS & BEGINNINGS: *Reconciled, Restored, Reinstated*

God's passion is our rehabilitation—a three step process:

Step One – Reconciliation

Step Two – Restoration

Step Three – Reinstatement

Questions for Community Groups and Individual Bible Study

For Starters: What are your favorite movie or story endings and why?

The Basics: Read John 21. What stands out to you in this epilogue? What loose ends does John tie up? How does John set up the next chapter in his story? Our story?

Quick-Fire Round

1. Could this chapter be titled *the rehabilitation of Peter*? If so, why?
2. How does John portray a personal, relational, and intimate side of Jesus? What does this mean for disciples then and now? For you? Discuss.
3. Read John 21:1–8, 2 Corinthians 5:17–21, and Romans 12:18. How did Jesus reconcile with Peter? Is there anything that holds you back from reconciling with God? What principles can we learn about reconciling with others?
4. Read John 21:9–19 and John 18:15–18. What was the significance of the charcoal fire and breakfast? Do you agree or disagree that restoration means revisiting the places of our greatest fears and failures? What would this look like for you?
5. Read John 21:15–25. What future role did Jesus call Peter to and why? Did Peter's failures sideline him from future ministry? Do you believe that your past or present failures stop you from being effective moving forward? Has your view now changed?

Challenge: What principles or applications do you draw from John's Gospel? How will it change the way you live? What is your part in God's redemptive plan for the world?

Memorize John 21:19 And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

Prayer: Father, thank you for offering me reconciliation, restoration, and reinstatement through Christ. I know my past is in the past and I have a great future ahead. Show me how to follow you and lead others to seek, find, and follow you. Amen.