

Message-based Study

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Connection

Describe a time in your life when you either "handed-off a baton" or "received a baton."

Cheer and Challenge

- How did it go living out your "I will..." statement from last week? Share your experience.
- Tell about any experiences you had this week following through on the B.L.E.S.S. challenge.

Content

Jesus had limited time on earth so He also had a plan to hand-off the baton of His ministry. First he handed it to Peter, then Paul, and then to the church which includes you! Look at Peter's journey to better understand your own journey.

AS WAS THE CASE FOR PETER...

1. GOD CALLS YOU TO A LIFE OF PURPOSE - Mark 1:16-18

What was the purpose God called Peter to?

In your own words, describe the purpose God has called you to?

2. GOD BRINGS YOU TO DECISION POINTS IN YOUR FAITH - Matthew 16:13-16

Jesus asked, "Who do people say I am?" and Peter answered by listing the various things that were being said about Jesus in that culture. How would you answer that same question for the culture in which we live today?

Jesus continued the discussion by asking Peter, "But who do you say I am?" How would you answer that?

3. GOD HAS A NAME AND A FUTURE FOR YOU - Matthew 16:17-19

What name had Jesus given Peter and what was He seeking to convey through this?

We need to realize that the enemy also tries to place names on us. Have you experienced this recently? If so, what name do you think Satan is trying to stick you with? What name do you believe God would speak over you instead?

4. GOD KNOWS YOUR STRUGGLES - John 18:10-11; Luke 22:54-62

5. **GOD BRINGS HOPE THROUGH A RISEN AND LIVING JESUS - Mark 16:6-7**

Why is the phrase “and also Peter” significant in this verse?

When you’ve misstepped and have taken on a name God didn’t give you, go to the resurrection story and substitute your name for Peter’s. Re-read these verses, replacing Peter’s name with yours.

6. **GOD RESTORES YOU AND GIVES YOU A NEW ASSIGNMENT - John 21:15-17**

Jesus gave Peter the opportunity to succeed where he had previously failed: in proclaiming his allegiance to Jesus. How would you summarize the assignment that Peter is then given.

Be assured that God’s assignment for you continues in spite of your previous failures. How would you summarize the life assignment that you have been given by God?

7. **GOD SUPPLIES YOU WITH BOLDNESS - Acts 2:14-16**

Why would it have required boldness for Peter to speak out in this setting?

8. **GOD BRINGS FRUIT RIGHT BEHIND OBEDIENCE AND COURAGE - Acts 4:8-13**

Earlier, before Jesus’ death, Peter had denied Jesus in public, but in these verses he speaks boldly of his faith in Jesus. List a few of Peter’s courageous statements that jump out to you in these verses:

9. **GOD WILL USE YOU TO REACH THE MASSES AND THE INDIVIDUAL - Acts 10:34-43**



Begin with prayer. Listen with care. Eat / Engage with another. Serve. Share your story.

In the beginning of this scene Peter had a dream which made it clear to him that Jesus is for everyone. Consider the people you rub shoulders with each day - Jesus is for each of them! As the Lord did with Peter, He will give you the ability to **share your story** with boldness. What is one sentence of truth about Jesus you wish you could speak to a friend?

Take a moment to pray about that now.