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STUDY GUIDE

Resurrection and Restoration

John 21.1-19

WELCOME & SHARING

Share announcements...

- New City Men's Retreat | April 21st & 22nd

Men... join us for our inaugural Men's Retreat @ Hannon's Camp America (yes it's really called Camp America). Check the website for details. You need to register online.

- Flying Pig Weekend May 6th & 7th

The first weekend in May is the weekend of the Flying Pig marathon. It's a big celebration and event in our city and a fun weekend at New City as well. We worship on SATURDAY May 6th at 4:30p and then have a big meal together of Eli's BBQ and then on Sunday morning we don't have any of our normal worship gatherings but we staff the mile 10 hydration station in Hyde Park handing out water and gatorade to runners. It's a fun and great way to serve the runners of our city. You do need to register online with the flying pig. See the website for more details.

- Intro to New City Saturday, May 20th 8a-noon

Intro to New City is a seminar designed to help you get to know the church a little better: hear the story of the church's origins, our Vision, Values, Beliefs, and Philosophy of ministry, some things that are distinctive about New City, etc. It also provides a basic framework for understanding the gospel, and the church's role in God's plan of redemption.

Intro to New City is a pre-requisite to membership at New City, however, attending the seminar does *not* commit you to membership. It's something we hope all regulars at New City will experience and if nothing else you get some free food and books! If you need **childcare** for the class we will be glad to provide it.

STUDY/DISCUSSION

Opener Question: If you could only celebrate one holiday each year for the rest of your life, which would you choose?

OR, Rate your week between 1-10. Why?

Though Christmas gets more acclaim in our culture, Easter is *the principal* Christian holiday. The resurrection of Jesus Christ changes everything. Over the next few months we're going to be talking about the implications of the resurrection for our lives.

1. William Butler Yeats said, "*Tragedy is at the heart of classical civilization, comedy at the heart of the Christian one.*" Why do you think this is?

Read John 21.1-19

2. The backdrop to this story is Peter's denial of Christ on the night before the crucifixion. What do you remember about that?
3. John 21 describes Peter's comeback. How does Jesus redeem and restore Peter?
4. The disciples didn't recognize Jesus at first, possibly because they weren't expecting him to come to them in such an 'ordinary' way (offering fishing advice and cooking breakfast). Do you think you might be prone to miss what Jesus is doing in your life because of preloaded expectations of how he might come to you?
5. Jesus asks Peter 3 times, "Do you love me?" and Peter was "grieved" (v.17). Why does Jesus ask this painful question repeatedly?
6. Proverbs 27.6 says, "Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy." How should this shape the way we practice community with each other?
7. On Sunday, Josh said "When we read the Bible, the Bible reads us. It does surgery on us." Have you had this experience before? What was it like to be "cut" by Scripture?
8. Malcolm Muggeridge said "Failure is the most creative event in life." How did Peter's life change after his failure and restoration?
9. What does it mean to "feed the sheep"?
10. Hospitality is a core ministry of New City. In that sense, we *literally* feed the sheep. If you love Jesus and eat with people regularly, you create space for all

kinds of incredible conversations. Who is God calling you to eat a meal with this week?

11. Sunday's sermon concluded with Josh declaring that "Easter changes everything."

- Easter means you can be free of guilt - there is no sin so big that it can keep Jesus in the ground.
- Easter means you can be free of your fear - Death does not get the last word (for Jesus, or for you)
- Easter means you can have a sense of humor - you can laugh at the joke of grace; he can even save someone like me.

Which of these do you need to hear and apply most this week? Why?

NEIGHBORING EXPERIMENT: Host a BYOB outdoor "happy hour" or fire pit night at your apartment complex or on your street.

PRAYER

Take some time and pray together: You can pray as a large group, break into smaller groups, split up into men and women, etc. If you share prayer requests, post them to the City so that your group can continue to be praying for each other.