

Community Group Growth Questions

1. Share with the group any insight, truth, or observation from Sunday’s message that helped you, troubled you, or ministered to you.
2. Do some “gossiping” about Peter. From the scriptures you have read, what do you think he was like?
3. How does looking at Peter give us greater insight into Jesus’ character and ways? What can we know about Him from His treatment of Peter?
4. What can we learn from Peter’s failures and weaknesses?
5. What can we learn from Peter’s strengths and successes?
6. Share with your group some ways in which you relate to Peter in both his failures and successes. How is God at work in both?

Living on Mission

1. Do you share any traits with Peter (positive or negative)? After looking at Jesus’ treatment of Peter, how might He respond to these same traits in you?
2. Can you make the same confession as Peter, “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God”? How is your life right now declaring this to those around you?
3. Has God convicted you recently by His Spirit saying “O you of little faith; why did you doubt?” How can the Peter we see in Acts 2 encourage us when we doubt like Peter did in Matthew 14?
4. Read John 21. How does Peter’s restoration encourage you? Look at 21:20-22. What is Jesus’ answer to Peter’s question? How can Jesus’ reply give you clarity and focus in regard to His use of you?
5. How will you follow Jesus differently this week? How will you more fully engage in the gospel mission as a result of this week’s discussion?

This Week’s Reading:

- Monday: Luke 5:1-11
 - Tuesday: Matthew 14:22-32
 - Wednesday: Matthew 16:13-23
 - Thursday: John 13:1-11
 - Friday: John 13:36-38; 18:15-27
 - Saturday: John 21
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Ripple Report:

Invite cards are one small way that we can be a part of what God is doing in our community! Faith Femi shared recently in a #ripplereport that as she was on her way out of Martin’s, she felt prompted to invite a person to church! She quickly reached for the invite card and put it to work! Giving the invite card turned into a conversation that allowed Faith to share about what God is doing in her life, her family, and her church.

Faith shared, “I’ve never been that person to share with others, but I can’t explain it I’m so excited about what God is doing in our church! Can I have a few more invite cards?” This week, why not consider taking the step Faith took? Prepare yourself, grab an invite card, and share with others what God is doing!



How is God working? Let us know by tagging your tweets with #ripplereport or sending them to ripple@martinsburgchurch.org!

Welcome to the Church at Martinsburg!

Whether this is your first time or your next time; whether you are a member or a first-time guest – we want to connect with you! Use the white card with this Loop to relay information to your church staff. Please complete the front so we can update our records and use the back to request information or share your prayer requests. As your pastors, we are honored to pray for and serve you.

Ripple Reports: How is God at work in your community group, our church, and your life in general? Let us know with this hashtag: #ripplereport .

Pastor On Call: If you or your family have an emergency and need to get hold of a pastor from Friday morning through Monday morning please call 304.616.9007 to reach The Church at Martinsburg’s Pastor on call.

Members’ Gathering: Our Members’ Gathering is **TODAY** from 5-6:30 pm at the Comfort Inn – Aikens Center (1872 Edwin Miller Blvd) in Martinsburg. Hor d’oeuvres will be served. Childcare will be provided up to 5 years.

Baptism Celebration is scheduled for Sunday, October 28th. Sign up at baptism.martinsburgchurch.org or call the church office at 304.596.9330 to register.

Men’s Gathering: Friday, October 26th and Saturday, October 27th. Speaker: Seth Polk (Cross Lanes Baptist Church) Location: Baker Heights Baptist Church. Sign up in the lobby today!

Media Team: Looking for a place to serve? What about media? Talk to Timmy Wilkerson (timmy@martinsburgchurch.org) for more information.

Operation Thanks: Pledged = 68 turkeys, Goal = 250 turkeys! Join us as we proclaim the gospel and reach those far from God! Bring a turkey – 8:15 am, November 17th.

Women’s Gathering: You are invited to attend a weekend teaching event November 9-10th. Come discuss the importance of woman-to-woman gospel-centered relationships, the lifestyle that results from this kind of discipleship, and a fresh opportunity to apply these things at the Church at Martinsburg. Sign up in the lobby today! Details to come.

Missionary Toolbox:

Simon Peter’s Final Testimony – “...unanimous tradition of the early church tells us that Peter was crucified as the Lord predicted he would be in John 21. But according to Eusebius in ecclesiastical history, Eusebius wrote, the early church father, “Before Peter was crucified he was forced to watch the crucifixion of his beloved wife and he had to stand at the foot of her cross till she died.” Eusebius writes that Peter stood at the foot of his wife’s cross and kept repeating to her, “Remember the Lord, remember the Lord, remember the Lord.” After she died it is said that he pleaded to be crucified upside-down because he wasn’t worthy to die as his Lord had died. And he was crucified upside-down because he wouldn’t deny the faith. Peter’s life could be summed up in the last words of the last epistle he wrote, “Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.” And that’s what he did and he became rock, the great leader of the church.” (Excerpted from “Common Men, Uncommon Calling: Peter, Part 3” by John MacArthur; <http://www.gty.org/resources/sermons/42-74/common-men-uncommon-calling-peter-part-3>)