

## I. Synopsis

Dr. Laurence J. Peter noticed that across cultures people strive to be promoted. The problem with the ladder to success is it does not always take into account the giftedness of the person. In Dr. Peter's book, The Peter Principle, he explains that people are often promoted to their level of incompetency. This is in direct contrast with the way God operates. As we embark on the adventure of following Jesus, He will give us what is needed for the next season of the adventure.

## II. Ice Breaker Question

In The Peter Principle, Dr. Peter gives satirical examples of how to avoid being promoted without getting fired. Such examples include parking in the CEO's spot or dressing inappropriately. What are your thoughts to his approach?

## III. Scripture: John 21:1-9 & Acts 10: 24-48

## IV. Discussion Questions

Peter is one of Jesus' closest friends who abandoned Jesus during His darkest hour. During this series, we've learned that Peter was restored by God's grace and commissioned to "feed my lambs" (John 21:17). And he was equipped by God's Spirit with the gift of leadership and teaching.

1. In the Old Testament, in order to be part of God's family one became Jewish. The person would come and live among the Jews following all the 600 plus laws in Old Testament. As a result, many Jews developed a prejudice against other races. As you read through Acts 10 what statements does Peter make, which indicate he was prejudice?
2. What do you think of the statement, "Prejudices are like rats and men's minds are like traps. Prejudice gets in easily, but rarely gets out again." (Owen, 340)? How does God deal with Peter's prejudice? What prejudices exist in our country? Quietly ask the Holy Spirit to search your heart for prejudice.
3. Peter comes to the realization that being part of God's family is based on loving Jesus not on being part of a particular ethnic race. Can you give some examples of Jesus' life and ministry that He demonstrated this truth?
4. Jesus commissioned Peter to "feed his lambs" (John 21:17) on the beach. When Peter first heard this spoken, what do you think his thoughts were regarding his calling? Jesus is calling you to follow Him on an adventure. How are you living into this call? Do you believe that God will equip you for what He has in store for you?