

BECAUSE OF EASTER



Recycled People John 21:1-19

Everyone Carries Something

Exhibit A - Peter

Before Jesus' death ([Mark 14:66-72](#))

He _____ the one he promised to _____.

After Jesus' resurrection ([John 21:1-3](#))

He had _____.

Exhibits B to P ([Hebrews 11:1-32](#))

- B. Abel ([v. 4 & Genesis 4:1-12](#))
- C. Enoch ([v. 5 & Genesis 5:18-25](#))
- D. Noah ([v. 7 & Genesis 9:20-21](#))
- E. Abraham ([v. 8 & Genesis 16:4](#))
- F. Isaac ([v. 20 & Genesis 26:7](#))
- G. Jacob ([v. 21 & Genesis 27](#))
- H. Joseph ([v. 22 & Genesis 37:5](#))
- I. Moses ([v. 23 & Exodus 4:12](#))
- J. Rahab ([v. 31 & Joshua 2:1](#))
- K. Gideon ([v. 32 & Judges 8:27](#))
- L. Barak ([v. 32 & Judges 4:8](#))

M. Jephthah ([v. 32 & Judges 10-12](#))

N. Samson ([v. 32 & Judges 10-11](#))

O. David ([v. 32 & 2 Samuel 11](#))

P. Samuel ([v. 32 & 1 Samuel 8:3](#))

Back to Exhibit A - Peter ([John 21:4-19](#))

Out Of The Trash And Into Circulation

1. You've not _____ that Christ can't _____ ([John 21:15-17](#))
2. Believe what God says _____, though you may not _____ right now. ([Hebrews 11:1](#))
3. Know that when you _____ God and _____ God, you are _____ God. ([Hebrews 11:6](#)).
4. Look toward God's _____ for you without dragging along your _____. ([Hebrews 11:15-16](#)).
5. Accept Christ's unlimited _____ toward _____, too. ([1 Tim. 1:15-16](#)).

FOR THOUGHT & TALK

Take no more than 5 minutes to quickly review the main points from Pastor Jeff's message. As you discuss the questions, don't expect to answer all of them. Just discuss the ones your group would most like to explore together. Remember, the goal of your small group is to grow together relationally, to **apply** God's Word to our daily living, and to pray for one another and our church.

1. Tell a story about someone you know or have heard of whom you saw God "recycle". (No names, please, unless it's your own story.)
2. As a group, think together what Peter must have been thinking during that time right after he denied Jesus until the events of [John 21](#) occurred. Is there a time you "went fishing" like Peter? What were you feeling at that time?
3. Share where one of the people's stories highlighted in [Hebrews 11](#) especially resonates with you. As a group, talk about how [Hebrews](#) could praise people like these who were such obvious failures for God in parts of their lives.
4. Pastor Jeff's emphasis was that no one is past God's being able to "recycle" and use a person for His Kingdom. If so, then how do we know where to draw the line between "Jesus has forgiven them, so we should" and "How can we let a person who has done that into Church leadership again?"
5. Share which of the five closing thoughts are hardest for you. Why is that?