

## **2016 Fellowships Joint Bible Study (01/2016)**

### **Student's Version**

#### **Matthew 10: 2**

<sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John;

#### **John 1: 42**

<sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter).

#### **Luke 5: 4-7**

<sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.” <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.” <sup>6</sup> When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

#### **Matthew 26: 31-35**

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.” <sup>32</sup> But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.” <sup>33</sup> Peter replied, “Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.” <sup>34</sup> “Truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” <sup>35</sup> But Peter declared, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the other disciples said the same.

#### **Luke 22: 54-62**

<sup>54</sup> Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. <sup>55</sup> And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. <sup>56</sup> A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, “This man was with him.” <sup>57</sup> But he denied it. “Woman, I don’t know him,” he said. <sup>58</sup> A little later someone else saw him and said, “You also are one of them.” “Man, I am not!” Peter replied. <sup>59</sup> About an hour later another asserted, “Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean.” <sup>60</sup> Peter replied, “Man, I don’t know what you’re talking about!” Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. <sup>61</sup> The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.” <sup>62</sup> And he went outside and wept bitterly.

#### **John 21: 15-19**

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup> Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.” <sup>17</sup> The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” <sup>19</sup> Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

#### **Acts 2:37-41**

<sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

<sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

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<sup>40</sup> With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."

<sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

#### **Acts 5: 15-16**

<sup>15</sup> As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. <sup>16</sup> Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.

#### **Acts 9: 40-41**

<sup>40</sup> Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive.

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#### **Guidelines**

- 1. Spread out the work over several days.** Allow time for the things God is teaching you to sink in.
- 2. Pray each time before you start.** Pray for a humble heart and ask God to help you to understand and apply what you have learned.
- 3. Unless specified, answer the questions without consulting the Commentary or Internet.** The goal is to develop a habit to think and meditate God's Word on your own with the help of Holy Spirit.

#### **Simon Peter**

##### **The Name**

Read Matthew 10: 2. Whose name appears first in the list of the disciples?

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Why is Simon the first in the list?

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Read John 1:42. What new name did Jesus give to Simon?

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The new name means rock. What expectations did Jesus have for Peter?

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##### **Jesus Calls Simon: Read Luke 5:4-7**

Jesus asked Simon to put the net to catch the fish. Do you think Peter was willing to follow? Why?

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They caught a large number of fish. Do you think this was a coincidence or miracle? Why?

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After this incident, Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." (v. 8b) What does "fish for people" means?

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##### **Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial: Read Matthew 26:31-35**

*(This event happened before Jesus was delivered to the hands of the Roman soldiers.)*

What did Jesus predict about Himself and Peter?

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Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will." What do you learn about Peter from this?

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What did Peter say about his determination (v. 35)? Do you think he meant it?

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#### **Peter's Three Denials: Read Luke 22:54-62**

*(This event happened after Jesus was taken away by the soldiers.)*

Write down the three denials of Peter?

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Why do you think Peter denied knowing Jesus three times?

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After Jesus looked straight at Peter, Peter went outside and wept bitterly. What was Peter thinking?

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#### **Jesus' Three Questions to Simon: Read John 21:15-19**

Write down Peter's three response to Jesus' question of whether he loves Him?

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Write down Jesus' three commands after Peter's replies.

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Jesus asked the same question three times. If you were Peter, how would you feel?

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What did Jesus tell Peter to do (v. 19)? How's every Christian today called to fulfill Jesus' command to Peter?

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#### **Peter in the Book of Acts**

*(Let us find out what Peter did later in his ministry.)*

Read Acts 2:37-41. What did Peter tell the people to do?

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How many believed as a result of Peter's sermon?

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Read Acts 5:15-16, and Acts 9:40-41. What else did Peter do?

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**Group Sharing Questions**

*(Bible study leaders: Please finish on time by 8:30PM and join the wrap-up in the sanctuary. Thanks!)*

What lessons did Simon have to learn before God could use him?

How did God prepare Simon to fulfill the role as a leader?

What lesson do you learn from Peter?

We all are leaders in some sense whether at home (parents or oldest sibling), school, work or church. How has God prepared you in the past?

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