

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

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Part 3: Expect God to Restore
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

[John 10:10]

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

RESTORATION:

- **To bring back to original condition or position**
- **The reestablishing of a person or thing to its intended purpose**

[Acts 3:21]

*For he must remain in heaven until the time for the final **restoration of all things**, as God promised long ago through his holy prophets.*

[Acts 15:16-17]

*'Afterward **I will return***

***and restore** the fallen house of David.*

I will rebuild its ruins and restore it,

so that the rest of humanity might seek the LORD

WAYS TO EXPERIENCE RESTORATION

1. Repent

[Luke 22:31-32]

*“Simon, Simon, Satan has desired to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And **when you have repented and turned to me again**, strengthen your brothers.”*

God develops trophies of grace out of the rubble of life.

2. Remain with the disciples

3. Respond to the invitation

[Mark 16:7]

“Go tell the disciples and peter to meet him in galilee. He will meet you there, just as he said”

4. Receive your commissioning

[John 21:19]

*Then Jesus told him, “**Follow me.**”*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What are some everyday things that people go to great lengths to find and bring back to original condition? (i.e. cars, memorabilia, old family movies, etc.)**
- 2. When have you, or someone you know, been reestablished to a specific purpose?**
- 3. Why does repentance require not just a change of mind, but also a change of direction? How does Peter's life reflect that?**
- 4. Who do you have in your sphere, that God has used to point you back to your full, intended purpose?**
- 5. In this time of life, what response do you need to make to respond to God's invitation? What do you think He might be commissioning you to?**
- 6. Pray for the larger story that God will write in your lives through personal restoration. Keep a list to pray over during the week for those in your circle.**