

The welcome verse for this week is Hebrews 4:16, “Let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”



Good News for the Regretful

Psalm 51:12; Lamentations 3:22-23

John 21:15-19

The Bottom Line: The risen Jesus calls us from regret to redemption.

Introduction:

What skeletons are in your closet?

If we are being honest, you and I have both done things in our lifetime that we do not speak to others about, things that we hide from others and things that we would wish we could hide from God.

Lingering shame has a way of haunting and paralyzing us.

Tension:

We sing of God’s grace and kindness, and the scriptures often tell of his love. How could he love me after what I have done?

It is easy to recognize God’s mercy toward the rest of the world while forgetting his mercy toward me.

Truth:

It is awfully prideful to assume that your mistake is greater than God’s mercy.

One particular follower of Jesus who had great devotion also required great mercy. Let us read the story of Peter. **Read John 21:1-19.**

Application & Conclusion

The risen Jesus calls us from regret to redemption. In repentance and reconciliation, we are restored. Just like Peter, Jesus says to us, “Follow me.” In other words, Jesus is prepared to give you another chance. You are not forever defined by your greatest sins. Jesus has compassion for today and a calling for tomorrow that will free you from yesterday’s condemnation. You fell and you fell far, but the forgiveness of Christ is sufficient to pick you up and carry you forward.

***“There is therefore now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.”***
~ Romans 8:1

Discussion questions for group this week:

- 1. What does this teach me about God?**

- 2. What does this teach me about me?**

- 3. How do I apply this to my life?**

4. If I could ask a question about this it would be....