

*Use the following thoughts and questions to have one spiritual conversation. You can pick and choose, use them all or just allow the statement to be your guide. The emphasis shouldn't be about having all the answers, but simply having a conversation.*

### **Scripture**

John 21:1-13

## **1. Opening Statement**

*Begin your conversation by asking about this main point:*

### **Jesus forgives past failures and offers the opportunity to follow Him once again.**

This main point is the biblical truth the student's study was built around. Each week there will be one statement that ties the whole study together. These would be great statements to remember together. The hope is that thoughts and ideas will stem from these statements. You can also begin by sharing a thought of your own that you learned during your study of the same session. Ask what thoughts were surprising as the study was taught.

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## **2. Thought From the Study**

Jesus' commission to Peter, His repentant follower, was to care for Jesus' followers as a shepherd cares for his sheep. This was a huge commission. Jesus, the Good Shepherd who cares for the sheep (John 10:10-16), entrusted this responsibility to Peter. In essence, Peter would demonstrate his love for Jesus by caring for Jesus' followers.

- ▶ **How have you experienced the reassuring presence of Jesus in your life? What has Jesus done to remind you that He is with you and cares for your needs?**

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## **3. Quote for Discussion**

*Discuss this quote together. How does this change your understanding of a relationship with Jesus?*

**We may ask why Peter, who was a fisherman before his conversion, returned to fishing when it is said, "No one putting his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." —Gregory the Great**

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## **4. Conversation Questions**

*Use these questions to begin thinking through and applying the lessons to your family life:*

1. When has our family experienced a time of need? How did God provide for us during that time?
2. How can our family "feed the sheep" around us?
3. What are some "costs" our family has faced in the past as followers of Jesus? What are some "costs" we may face in the future?
4. What are some of the different gifts, abilities, and callings within our family? How can we encourage each other rather than competing?