

LIFE OF
PETER

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Course Goals

- To understand the scope and source of Peter's character transformation
- To imitate Peter's growth in Christ-like character
- To prepare to defend a scriptural view of Peter's role and authority in the early church

Schedule of Lessons

Date	Lesson
Sunday, Sept 20	1 – Meeting the Master
Wednesday, Sept 23	2 – A Weekend with Jesus
Sunday, Sept 27	3 – Peter Among the Apostles
Wednesday, Sept 30	4 – Who Jesus Is and What He Came to Do
Sunday, Oct 4	5 – Peter at the Transfiguration
Wednesday, Oct 7	6 – The Last Supper and Crucifixion
Sunday, Oct 11	7 – Begotten Again by the Resurrection
Wednesday, Oct 14	8 – Using the Keys to the Kingdom
Sunday, Oct 18	9 – Confronting the Jewish Leadership
Wednesday, Oct 21	10 – Preaching in Judea and Samaria
Sunday, Oct 25	11 – Preaching to Gentiles
Wednesday, Oct 28	12 – Peter's Sufferings
Sunday, Nov 1	13 – Peter on Suffering and False Teaching

Lesson 2
A Weekend with Jesus

Objectives

- List at least one event for each day of the weekend recorded in Luke 5 and Mark 1
- Name 3 men who fell on their faces in response to a revelation of divine glory
- Explain how the weekend described in Luke 5 and Mark 1 would have prepared the apostles for their eventual work in the kingdom

Text Questions

1. Friday Morning by the Sea, **Luke 5:1-11**

- a. Where was Peter fishing? Find other names for this body of water.
- b. What was its size?
- c. How did Jesus use Simon's boat?
- d. What reasons could Peter have given for not launching out to fish again?
- e. How did Peter react to the great catch of fish?
- f. What did Jesus say Peter would do from that point on?
- g. What advantage would there be to Peter in the change? What disadvantages?

5. Saturday (Sabbath) Morning, **Mark 1:21-31**

- a. Where did Jesus go on Sabbath? What did He do there?
- b. How was the service interrupted?
- c. How did Jesus restore order?
- d. What question did the people ask when they saw the power of Jesus over unclean spirits?
- e. With whom did Jesus go home for lunch after the synagogue service?
- f. What problem did they find there?
- g. How did Jesus solve this problem?

6. Saturday Evening, **Mark 1:32-34**

- a. Who came to Jesus after sunset?

- b. Why did they wait until after sunset to gather?
 - c. How many gathered before Peter's door?
 - d. What did Jesus do for them?
7. Early Sunday Morning, **Mark 1:35-39**
- a. When did Jesus arise from His night's rest?
 - b. Where did He go and why?
 - c. Who found Him?
 - d. What did they want Jesus to do?
 - e. What did Jesus insist that He must do?

Thought Questions

1. List some other men who reacted as Peter did to a glimpse of divine perfection. How do the things those men saw compare in glory and grandeur to what Peter saw? How do you explain Peter's reaction?
2. Think of at least one other time when a large crowd gathered to where Peter was. How might the experience in **Mark 1:32-39** have prepared Peter for these later occasions?
3. Why do you think Peter was so anxious for Jesus to come back to Bethsaida? Given Jesus' answer to their urging, what misunderstanding about the Messiah and his kingdom may be informing Peter's actions?
4. What lessons or applications should we draw from this record of a complete weekend in the life of Jesus and His disciples? Think about both the individual events, and the weekend as a whole.