

Restoration Hard Wear
Sermon Based Discussion (March 27, 2016)
Broken & Mended (Lent 2016)

WARM UP

1. What is something you fear to fail at in life? Why do you fear failing in that?

What is your greatest fear of failure? For some, it's failing at one's career. For others, it's failing as a family member. For others, it's fear of failing in following God.

Well, the good news is that the Bible teaches God has a special care for those who feel like failures and are broken by their own choices, sins, and mistakes. In this session, we see how Jesus responds to our failures, and how we can receive new purpose even after we are broken from failure.

INTO THE BIBLE (Read John 21:1-25)

2. For Peter, what did it mean that he decided to go fishing?
3. How would you have felt if you were the disciples after a night of not catching any fish?... How would you have felt catching a net full by just "trying the right side of the boat"?
4. Why did Jesus ask Peter 3 times about loving Jesus?

UNDERSTANDING

5. The other time we see the word translated in the ESV as "charcoal fire" is John 18:15-18. What might the author be trying to convey to us by this?

6. What is Jesus' point for asking Peter to bring a fish that Peter just caught?

DIFFERENCE

7. Peter went back to fishing- something he knew, something he was good at, something he was all about before meeting Jesus. If Jesus isn't the main thing in your life, what would be your main thing?
8. How do you feel knowing that, even if we fail Jesus, he will reinstate us to a relationship with God and a purposeful life, like he did for Peter?

APPLICATION

9. In the message, Pastor Enoch shared how Jesus speaks these four statements to us today in our brokenness and failures. Briefly remind/explain to the group what these four statements mean:
"How's that working for you?" (Have you caught any fish yet?)
"I've got an idea for you to try..." (Cast the net on the right side...)
"Bring me what you have..." (Bring me a fish that you caught)
"Come share a meal with me..." (Come and have breakfast)

Which of these statements might Jesus be speaking to you at this time?
Please explain.

10. What is one practical way this passage can encourage or apply to you today?