

# No Matter What

Week 2  
4.10.10

## LEADER PREP

### MAIN POINT

**Easter reminds us we are forgiven no matter what.**

### SCRIPTURE

John 21:15-17 NLT

### GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To point students toward the forgiveness they can find in Jesus and to encourage them to accept that forgiveness for themselves.

### THINK ABOUT THIS

Small Group Leader pro-tip: Don't be afraid to sit in the silence! Sometimes we rush past the pause in conversation, but remember that the pause can mean a lot of things. For some students, it may mean they've checked out or stopped engaging. But for other students, it may mean they're processing the question or thinking about what it means to them. That's when a pause in conversation can be helpful! After all, we want students to really think about what they feel and are experiencing rather than simply taking in what we tell them they're supposed to feel or experience. Giving them a moment to sit in silence and process allows them to do just that! As they think on forgiveness this week, keep in mind that some of your few may be dealing with major hurts. Follow up with any students who share something that may need further attention or intervention.

### EASTER CHALLENGE: COME SIT WITH US

**It's not too late!** Who are you inviting to sit with you and your family? Encourage your students to do this with their families too!

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### THE CHECK IN

- How was everyone's week? Share Highs & Lows.
- Someone recap the main point of the message.
- What's your all-time favorite Easter candy?
- Think about a time that someone forgave you for something. How did their forgiveness make you feel?
- On a scale of 1 to 10, how easy is it to believe that Jesus forgives you?

### THE WORD

- READ John 21:15-17.
- Why were Peter's feelings hurt?
- Peter denied Jesus three times. How does Jesus getting Peter to say he loves Him three times offer Peter redemption?
- What does Jesus ask Peter to do? What does that mean?
- How does knowing you're forgiven no matter what affect your relationship with God?

### APPLICATION

- As a group decide on a way you will each connect with God this week. Brainstorm together: listening to worship music, praying as a group, going on a prayer walk, reading the Bible together, etc.
- Easter Challenge: Who can you and your family invite to sit with you this Easter?

### COMMUNITY BUILD

- How can we connect outside of small group time and have fun together?

### PRAY

We are going to close in prayer.  
Anyone have any prayer requests?

## JOHN 21:15-17 NLT

"After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," Peter replied, "you know I love you."

"Then feed my lambs," Jesus told him.

16 Jesus repeated the question: "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

"Yes, Lord," Peter said, "you know I love you."

"Then take care of my sheep," Jesus said.

17 A third time he asked him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep."

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## NOTES