

**Jesus Calls Your Name**  
Core Group Discussion Guide  
April 8, 2018

**Message Overview:**

Last month, in the Pivot series, we were challenged to make small pivots in our walk with Jesus. We were reminded how these small pivots make big changes in our Christian life and impact the Kingdom of God as we follow Jesus. Some of these pivots include:

- Surrendering our lives completely to Jesus and dying to ourselves and our desires
- Surrendering our lives to the work and direction of the Holy Spirit and being willing to follow the Holy Spirit's direction even though it may seem radical and unusual
- Surrendering our lives to the power of prayer so God's power can be unleashed to do "greater things"
- Surrendering our lives to "the assignments" that God has given us to do and faithfully and obediently saying yes to those assignments

Last week we remembered the death of Jesus and celebrated His resurrection. How well are we doing in keeping these truths alive and active in our lives?

This morning's message will focus on how Jesus called Peter by name. Even though Peter witnessed firsthand the miracles of Jesus and stood in the empty tomb, a week or so later it seems he lost his focus and was ready to go back and go fishing. On this fishing excursion, Jesus calls him by name and reinstates him from his denial of Jesus. As we look at Peter's life, this event seems to be a pivot in his walk with Jesus.

**Text(s):**

- Preaching: John 21:1-19
- Other References: Mark 16:6-7, James 1:22-23

**Questions for Discussion:**

1. Why do you think the angel at the tomb specifically named Peter by name? (Mark 16:6-7)
2. Can you recall a time in your walk with Jesus that you sensed Him calling you by name?
  - a) If you have, what were the blessings and rewards when you answered His call and fulfilled "the assignment" He gave you?
  - b) What were the consequences if you did not listen to His calling and did not fulfill "the assignment" He gave you?

3. What pivots have you made in your walk with Jesus as a result of this sermon series that you can share with the class?
4. What obstacles keep you from making these pivots in your walk with Jesus and lure you to “go fishing” instead?
5. What “greater things” have you witnessed because of the pivots you made?
6. How can you, as a class, help each other
  - remember these pivots
  - encourage each other to make these pivots
  - stay accountable to each other to make these pivots
7. Have you been a “doer”, or “hearer” of the truths we were taught in the Pivot series? (James 1:22-23)
8. What will you do with your marble this month? (sermon will clarify)