



METRO NEW YORK WORLD MINISTRY
ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL CONTRIBUTING NOTES
For the week of Mar 25 – Mar 31, 2017
Lesson #1: **“Feed My Sheep” – 1st and 2nd Peter**



The Person of Peter

Main Text for The Week: *"But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?" (Matthew 14:30, 31, KJV).*

Read and Meditate on these Texts:

Luke 5:1-11; Matt. 16:13-17; Matt. 14:22-33; Luke 22:31-34, 54-62; Gal. 2:9, 11-14.

Main Thought for the Week: Last week's study of the Work of the Holy Spirit is the platform from which we launch this quarter's look at the person of Peter. We will turn the Biblical spotlight on a man whom Jesus Himself gave a personal call to Ministry (Matthew 4:18-19); one who knew what it was like to make mistakes, but who experienced Jesus' forgiveness. Because of his experience of forgiveness, this once failed preacher, called Peter, on the day of Pentecost preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit which led to about three thousand people believing and accepting Jesus as the Messiah and their personal Savior from sin (Acts 2:14-41).



Depart From Me

Sunday Summary: March 26:

1. What was Peter's Trade/Profession when Jesus met him; and how did his work prepare him for Ministry when Jesus called him? (Matthew 4:18, 19) _____

2. Peter and his partners were fishing all night and caught nothing. What instruction did Jesus give him (Luke 5:4) and what was the remarkable result (Luke 5:5-7)?

3. **Discussion:** After acting on Jesus' instructions, Peter and friends witnessed an astonishing miraculous draught of fish. What was Peter's personal response and what does it tell us about Peter the person? (Luke 5:8-11) _____

Appeal: *Luke 5:11 says Peter forsook all and followed Jesus. Take a personal look at your life right now and ask God to show you anything that is preventing you from following Him wholeheartedly.*

PERSONAL STUDY THOUGHTS: Peter's realization of his sinfulness, and his willingness to admit it publicly, shows just how open he was to the Lord. No wonder He had been called! Whatever his faults, and they were many, Peter was a spiritual man who was ready to follow the Lord, regardless of the cost.

PERSONAL NOTES: _____



Confessing the Christ, Part 1

Monday Summary: March 27:

1. In trying to get the Disciples to focus on the true nature of His Mission to earth, what piercing question did Jesus ask them? (Matthew 16:13) _____
2. What were the Disciples responses? (Matthew 16:14) _____

THOUGHT: The Disciples thought that Jesus had come to set up a temporal kingdom; one in which Jesus would wrest authority from the Romans and invest it in the Jews, sit on the throne as King, Peter as minister of information (spokesman), Judas as treasurer, James on the right hand as special advisor and John on the left as senior diplomat. If they were to put aside their false concept of the kingdom, Jesus had to give them a serious lesson, up and personal (Matthew 16:13-19).

3. How did Jesus press the question even closer home to the Disciples as it relates to the nature of His Mission, the Kingdom and His identity? (Matthew 16:16). _____

Discussion Question: Do you think it is enough to take what your pastor or elder says concerning the truths of God's Word or is it of utmost importance to know Christ and His Truth for yourself? Explain: _____

PERSONAL NOTES: _____



Confessing the Christ, Part 2

Tuesday Summary: March 28:

1. What was Peter's heart-warming confession in response to Jesus' question?
(Matthew 16:16) _____

2. How did Jesus affirm Peter's Confession? (Matthew 16:17-19) _____

Discussion Thought: Matthew 16:17-19 is one of the most misunderstood passages in the Bible. Whole systems of religion have been established on a false interpretation of Jesus' statements, especially those found in verses 18-19. Peter could never have been the Rock on which Jesus proposed to build His Church (Verse 18) because Peter did fail later on and hence the church would have failed then. But Jesus Himself is the Rock which forms the genuine immovable foundation of His church and the gates of hell shall never ever prevail against His Church. Amen

3. What proof does the Bible offer that it was Christ that was the Rock and not Peter?
(Matthew 21:42; 1 Peter 2:6,7) _____

PERSONAL NOTES: _____



Walking on Water

Wednesday Summary: March 29:

1. What is the most important lesson that you find in the story of Matthew 14:22-33 that can help you in your personal walk with Jesus Christ? _____

2. When Peter shouted “*Lord save me*” (Matthew 14:30); Jesus stretched out His hand to catch him (Verse 31). Comment on the following two points highlighted from Peter's experience:
 - a. Peter became unsettled, afraid when he saw the wind boisterous and this led to him sinking (Matt. 14:30-31) _____

 - b. It was though faith that Peter partnered with Jesus as he walked on water. (Matt. 14:27-29) _____

DISCUSSION THOUGHT: We can start out in great faith, trusting in the power of our Lord, but when the situation gets frightful, we need to remember Jesus’ words to Peter: “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” (Matt. 14:31).

ILLUMINATION: Like Peter our faith determines what will happen, what the outcome will be. (Matt. 14:31)

PERSONAL NOTES: _____



Denying His Lord

Thursday Summary: March 30:

1. What shocking revelation did Jesus make to Peter? (Luke 22:31-32) _____

2. What do we all have in common with Peter? (Luke 22:33-34) _____

Discussion Question: Was Peter spiritually prepared and ready for this trying ordeal? (Luke 22:34) _____

Appeal: It is Satan's studied desire and plan to destroy you as he was determined to destroy Peter. Pray earnestly right now that God will put a bulwark of protection on your life that will shield you from monumental failure in your Christian walk.

*THOUGHT: "Peter's compromise and failure began in Gethsemane when, instead of praying, he slept, and thus wasn't spiritually ready for what was coming. Had he been faithful in prayer, she wrote, "he would not have denied his Lord." **The Desire of Ages, p714***

PERSONAL NOTES: _____



Peter as Church Leader

Friday Summary: March 31:

1. What does Romans 5:20 tell us about Peter's failure and forgiveness? _____

2. Why must we forgive those who disappointed us even as Peter failed Jesus? (Matthew 6:14-15) _____
3. What are some of the major roles the converted Peter played in the early church?
 - a. Galatians 1:18 _____
 - b. Galatians 2:9 _____

DISCUSSION THOUGHT: How should we respond when others point out our faults to us? _____.

Final Thoughts: *"Before his [Peter's] great fall he was always forward and dictatorial, speaking unadvisedly from the impulse of the moment. He was always ready to correct others and to express his mind before he had a clear comprehension of himself or of what he had to say. But Peter was converted, and the converted Peter was very different from the rash, impetuous Peter. While he retained his former fervor, the grace of Christ regulated his zeal. Instead of being impetuous, self-confident, and self-exalted, he was calm, self-possessed, and teachable. He could then feed the lambs as well as the sheep of Christ's flock."* - Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, pp. 334, 335.



Sabbath School Lesson Notes – April 1, 2017

Metro New York World Ministry is determined by the grace of Christ to bring hope to countless millions of hopeless people world-wide. Even as we contemplate this great mission, we ask today: who among us can't relate in some degree to Peter? Who hasn't, at times, stood boldly for their faith? And who hasn't, at times, failed miserably? We pray therefore, that God may weave us into his divine nature by the power of Christ through the Holy Spirit, that we may stand like the brave with our faces to the foe, as we lift men and women, boys and girls from the pits of sin and place them safely in God's salvation plan.

PERSONAL NOTES: _____
