

## 5-10-26 Consumer - Just Like Peter Study Guide

### Overview

This message from Luke 5:1-11 examines the life of Simon Peter—his calling, emotional ups and downs, failures, and ultimate redemption—to challenge believers about the legacy they are leaving. It contrasts a consumer mindset (flesh-driven, self-focused) with a contributor mindset (Kingdom-focused) and presents discipleship as the “forge” that shapes us to look, think, talk, and act more like Jesus. The core question: What are you leaving for the generations after you? The sermon ends with a clear call to know Jesus intimately, be empowered by the Holy Spirit, and consistently choose godly actions.

### Main Points

- **Peter’s Story Mirrors Ours:** Bold moments (walking on water, confession) mixed with fleshly failures (doubt, rebuke of Jesus, denial) show we all traffic in both curses and blessings.
- **Discipleship Is the Forge:** It burns away the old self and forms us into contributors who are growing to be like Jesus instead of consumers.
- **Three Keys to Leaving a Godly Legacy**
  1. **Know Jesus** (not just information—intimate relationship; Phil. 3:7-8; Paul & Peter’s example).
  2. **Be Empowered by the Holy Spirit** (Acts 2:1-4; Rom. 8:9-14—only the Spirit produces true godliness and puts sin to death).
  3. **Consistently Choose the Right Thing** (sow properly—learn and plant God’s way; prune ruthlessly—cut what looks good but produces no fruit; Jer. 6:16).
- Legacy is revealed in the little daily choices, not just big moments.

### Reflection Questions

1. When people think of you, what “first thing” comes to mind—consumer or contributor?
2. Which of Peter’s failures feels most like your own pattern?
3. On a scale of 1-10, how well do you truly *know* Jesus vs. just know *about* Him?
4. Are you daily being led by the Holy Spirit, or trying to “flesh out” godliness?
5. What one choice or habit (something that “looks good” but robs fruit) needs pruning right now?

### Application

- **Daily Prayer:** “Holy Spirit, fill me. Empower me. Lead me. Remind me.”
- **Know Jesus:** Spend time in the Word and prayer—move from information to intimacy (Phil. 3:12-14).
- **Plant & Prune:** Identify one thing to sow (learn from someone ahead of you) and one thing to cut out this week.
- **John 21 Moment:** If shame or past failure is holding you back, confess, receive forgiveness, and step back into contribution today.
- **Legacy Check:** Ask, “Is this choice building a godly legacy for my family and those watching me?”

### Group Discussion Prompts

1. Share one “Peter moment” from your life—greatness or failure—and what you learned.
2. How does the consumer vs. contributor mindset show up in your daily life?

3. Which of the three keys (know Jesus / Holy Spirit / choose right) do you need most right now, and why?
4. What practical step of planting or pruning is God highlighting for you this week?
5. How can we, as a group, help each other leave a godly legacy for the next generation?