



SEVEN RIVERS C H U R C H

A CULTURE OF GOSPEL:

Mission

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- ▶ How did Peter's brokenness affect his ability to be on mission? How have you found Jesus when you came to the end of yourself, like Peter? How does your mending affect your ability to be a mender?

II. MISSION: MEND THE WORLD

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- ▶ Whose little light has shined on your life and helped you see Jesus? Who are you letting your light shine on today? Who will you invite to church on Easter?
- ▶ Read Mark 8:35. What do you have to lose, or give away, that will help mend the world? Discuss skills, experiences, gifts, hobbies, talents, etc. that can be used in the kingdom of God.

III. MISSION: MENDING IN VAIN

- ▶ Read Rev. 21:5 and 1 Cor. 15:58. What is the key to labor that is not in vain?
- ▶ How does the quote in the sidebar help you reframe a frustrating situation?
- ▶ Read Psalm 96:13. If you knew Jesus was coming tomorrow, what would you do today?

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