

REDEMPTION, HOPE & HEALING



questions for reflection

series: "Redemption, Hope & Healing"

The Bible tells the stories of many broken, damaged and dented people. Some were murders, thieves and liars, while others were prostitutes, cowards and hypocrites. The Bible recounts the stories of people whom, despite their failures and faults, God still loved and used in order to tell his story of grace, mercy and forgiveness. This summer we are going to retell these stories and seek to understand how God can bring redemption, hope, and healing into our own lives.

part 8:

"Peter: Restoration"

by Chip Anderson on Tuesday July 28, 2009

From the summer series Redemption, Hope, and Healing, what are the thoughts and ideas that most resonated with you?

In our culture, we've embraced restoration projects – taking what is old and broken and making it newer and better.

- What are the types of things we restore?
- What are the reasons we restore things?
- How is this kind of physical restoration similar to and different than the way God restores people?

Most people enjoy stories of restoration. They show up in our books, movies and television shows.

- What stories of restoration have you heard?
- What stories of restoration have you been involved in?

There are those who blatantly and vocally deny God like Peter and there are those who do so in a more veiled and subtle fashion.

- What are some subtle ways in which people deny God?
- How have denied God in your attitudes? Words? Actions?

When Jesus restores Peter, he asks "Do you love me?"

- How would you answer Jesus if he asked you that question?
- How would he already know the answer by the way you've lived your life?

Read Matthew 22:37-40:

- Why did you think Jesus chose love of God and the love of others to summarize the entire Old Testament?
- What does it look like for you to love God?
- What does it look like for you to love others?

What kingdom work might Jesus be calling you into through a restored relationship with him?