

These are the stories in which Peter is specifically named, and functions as a leader, in the book of Acts:

- 1:12-22 _____
- 2:14-41 _____
- 3:1-26 _____
- 4:1-23 _____
- 5:1-11 _____
- 5:17-41 _____
- 8:14-25 _____
- 9:32-43 _____
- 10:1-48 _____
- 11:1-18 _____
- 12:1-19 _____
- 15:1-21 _____

1. As a group, decide which of you will investigate each of the above passages. (Depending on your group size, you might study them **individually or in pairs**.) Once assigned, quietly read your assigned passage(s) and answer the following questions:

a. If you were to **title** this story in terms of *Peter's role*, what would you call it? (For example, "Peter's Dream Changes the Church.")

b. Note any significant **actions** done by Peter. What does he do and why is it important?

c. Note any significant **speech(es)** by Peter. Summarize what he says in a sentence or two and note why it is important.

- d. How would you describe Peter's *faith* in this story? (Is he bold, hesitant, confident, etc.? Is his faith growing, failing, sure, etc.?) What would you say are the signs of his faith?
 - e. How would you describe Peter's *leadership* in this story? (Is he a good leader? A growing leader? A decisive leader? A confident leader?) Defend your answer/description.
2. As a group, walk through the Peter stories in chronological order, with your group members serving as "reporters" for their assigned passage(s). Each individual or pair should give a summary of their story, focusing on what Peter **did** and **said**, with special attention to the markers of Peter's *faith* and *leadership* (if any).
 - a. After each reporter or pair shares, give a few minutes for each group member to **record a story "title"** on page 1 (in the blank next to the listed passage). The title should be descriptive of Peter and help you frame a snapshot of Peter's big story in the book of Acts.
- Now that you've got an overview of Peter's leadership in Acts, continue group discussion.
3. What stands out to you about Peter's *faith* in Acts?
 4. How does Peter's *faith* in Acts seem to compare to his faith in the *gospels*?
 5. In general, what stands out to you about Peter's *leadership* in Acts?

6. Compared to what we saw of Peter's *faith* in the *gospels*, how surprised and/or impressed are you with Peter's *leadership* in Acts? Explain your answer.
7. In your opinion, what characteristics or traits are essential to successful leaders?
8. Does Peter (from what you see both in the gospels and Acts) have the characteristics you would expect from a critical leader of the early church? Explain your answer.
9. Read Matthew 16:13-20. Why do you think Jesus chose Peter in particular to lead the early church?
10. Compare your faith to Peter's *faith* in the gospels and Acts. Are you encouraged or discouraged to follow his example? Explain your answer.
11. Consider the trajectory of Peter's *leadership* from the gospels through Acts. Are you encouraged or discouraged by his example in leadership? Explain your answer.