# Encounters with Jesus Someone like me 1. Peter

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## New series on the kind of people who get close to God

### Someone like me

# Peter

## The first to open his mouth Mt 16:15f

## The first to correct Jesus Mt 16:21-23

## The first to suggest a compromise Mk 9:5f

## The first to volunteer Mk 14:25-32

## The first to assume Jesus’ answer Mt 17:24-27

## The first to go overboard with an idea Jn 13:31-35

## The first to stand up and be counted Mt 26:31-35

## The first to defend Jesus with the sword Jn 18:10f

## The first to enter the tomb Jn 20:3-7

### Peter: the man with so much enthusiasm he jumped in with both feet first

# The gift of the Holy Spirit does not change personality

## When he is restored and forgiven Peter asks about John Jn 21:20f

## The first to preach Acts 2

## When given a vision he questions again Acts 10:9-15

## He still tries with everyone Gal 2:11-21

# God loves you as you are

## Do not conform, but be transformed

# God has a place for you at His table

## Peter’s letters tell us he gets it

### God’s grace covers me

### God’s Spirit draws me to obedience

### God’s love surrounds me

### God’s hope renews me from within

# Jesus wants you to do your part in His church

## You have a special place in His church

### Along the way you will grow in grace, in truth and in love

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# Personality and faith

## To what extent does God change the basic personality of someone who comes to faith?

### If it is ‘none at all’ what difference does faith make?

## To what extent is personality ‘moulded’ by faith?

# Peter

## Read through some of the stories in which Peter features

### Why would Jesus call him ‘Rock’ when he denied Jesus and frequently got things wrong?

### What is ‘solid’ about Peter?

## Peter’s letters grapple with the nature of true grace (1 Peter 5:12):

### 1 Peter: in hope, in holiness, in daily living, in being part of the world, in being part of a family, in suffering and in living for God

### 2 Peter: In maturing in faith, in understanding scripture, in dealing with false prophets, in waiting for Christ’s return

#### How has your understanding of grace changed in your experience?

#### Why has it changed?

#### How would you pass on your current understanding of God’s grace to you?

# The ‘Peters’ in the church

## How would you encourage someone like Peter

### in a Sunday School group? In a youth group? In the young adults age group? As a family person (with children)? As a volunteer in the church? As a deacon? As an elder?

## How do you think they need changing be ‘conformed to the image of Christ’?

### How do you think God wants to change them?

## How could they be discouraged?