

Current Series
**“Through the Eyes
Of Jesus”**

February 28 to April 18

**9. “Peter: as Jesus Sees
the Call to Discipleship”**

Message Outline

If you could go back to an earlier time in your life, when would that time be?

1. **When facing a difficult future, we sometimes long for the past**

- a) Memories of the past are selective in their revisioning of those realities.
- b) Even if we could go back and recapture some earlier “glory” days, too many things will have changed in the meantime.

2. **The cost of following Jesus (see Luke 9:57-62)**

- a) An uncertain future is certain.
- b) You can't plow a straight furrow if you look behind at what you have done.

3. **How Jesus sees Peter's call to discipleship**

- a) “from now on you will catch men” (see Luke 5:1-11)
- b) “I'm going out to fish” (see John 21:3)
- c) “feed my sheep” (see John 21:15-17)

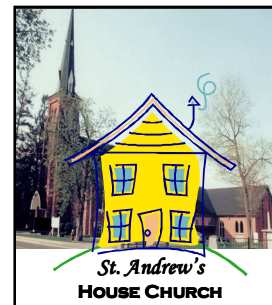
5. **To follow Jesus is to embrace the future, not the past (see Hebrews 12:1-3)**

- a) There's no turning back
- b) Risky faith is far better than empty nets
- c) Though the future may be uncertain, it's the only source of hope and courage

TAKE HOMES (points to remember)

- i) Memories of past glory are rarely _____ .
- ii) In order to plow a straight furrow you need to fix your attention to _____ .
- iii) Genuine faith always demands a _____ orientation.

FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION



We encourage you to discuss these issues during the coming week as a

- Study Guide for House Church
- Time of reflection individually or with members of your family

Warm-Up

Why do you think people are so prone to look back to the past as some “glory” day? What is so deceptive about our memories from the past?

1. How have you changed that would make it difficult for you to go back to some time in the past and live successfully?
2. Why is faith fundamentally forward looking?
3. Discuss how the sports metaphor of running the race that is set before us is inspiring. Challenging. Rewarding.
4. How might Jesus' call to discipleship inspire and challenge you to consider the future and its uncertainties?