

Finale | John 21:14-25 2021 Spring Toolkit #1

Administration: Some groups are welcoming new members. See the attached documents for important tips for welcoming folks to the group.

Facilitating Tip: It is always good to affirm those who share. Think ahead of time of encouraging short responses that might be offered during the meeting. “That was a helpful comment”, “We appreciate your insight”, “Thank you for being vulnerable”, “We are always glad to hear from you”

My Story

These questions help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one.

- 1) Can you recall a time when you gave or were given a second chance?
- 2) What has been one of your happiest Easter memories.

Digging Deeper

These questions are meant for personal preparation and group discussion.

Read John 21:14-17

1. Three times Jesus asked Peter if he loved him. Why three times? Why in the presence of the others? (Jn 13:37-38)
2. Two greek words for love are used here. Jesus uses the highest form, Agapeo (sacrificing love) and Peter responds with a lesser form, Phileo (Brotherly love). At the end, vs 17, Jesus uses the word Phileo instead of Agape. How could this exchange show a new humility growing in Peter. How is humility a necessary attitude to deepen our love for God.
3. What were the commands Jesus gave Peter in these verses? Give examples of how christians today feed and care for God’s flock. How are you being called to feed his sheep?
4. What is this passage saying about the connection between love for God and love for his people?(Jn 14:2, Jn 13:35)

Read John 21:18-25

5. What did Jesus say would happen to Peter? To John? What does this prophecy tell you about the Lord and his different dealings with his children.
6. What command was given twice in this section to Peter.(Luke 9:23) Where has God led that was most difficult to follow?
7. In what situations are you most tempted to lead rather than follow Jesus?

Responding to Jesus

These questions are meant for personal reflection before your group prayer time.

1. How can I show my love for Jesus by caring for those in the body of Christ?
2. Where am I looking with envy at another rather than being content following God's path for me.
3. How can I ask the group to pray for me as I respond to this message?

Further Challenge

1. Vs 19 indicates that Peter would die in a manner that would bring glory to God. What can you learn about Peter’s death? How does that encourage you to stand firm to the end?

SERMON NOTES

Easter Sunday: "FOLLOW ME"-John 21:14-25

Big Idea: Life is found in following Jesus.

1. Following Jesus has everything to do with my love for Jesus.
2. Following Jesus is owning my failure by engaging in restoration.
3. Following Jesus is taking my next step in serving.

Next Steps:

- Choose to take *your* next step in following Jesus.
- Share one thing that you love about Jesus with someone else.
- Ask the Spirit, "What keeps me from loving you fully?"