

MISSION GROUPS CONNECT TO CHRIST, CONNECT TO COMMUNITY

Discussion Starter: Have you been challenged by the message this past week in taking a honest look at how Jesus sees your love for Him?

Jesus wants to be loved by His Followers (John 21:15-17; Jude 1:21; Deuteronomy 6:4-6)

- Why do you think Jesus values our love so much and what does that impart to us about His character?
- What were some of the reasons people chose to follow Christ during His ministry on earth that had nothing to do with responding to His love for them? Do we see some of the same misguided reasons for following Christ today in the Church body?

Comparing Christ's Love to Ours (Matthew 5:3-10, 17-18, 43-48; Romans 3:10-18)

• When we compare the description of the Christ like attributes in Matthew versus the human flesh condition described in Romans, what response of love should flow from our heart towards Christ?

Jesus Leads Us to Server Others (John 21:15-17)

• Jesus calls Peter to feed His lambs, tend His sheep and feed His sheep. Who are the lambs and how are they fed? What are the two ways Jesus wanted Peter to serve others and does that still apply to us today? What are some of the promises we have in Christ if we embrace Jesus' call to serve others?

Following Jesus means He leads my life (John 21:18)

• What point was Jesus making to Peter in verse 18 and how is this message also important for us if we really choose to follow Jesus' plan for our life?

Jesus Uniquely Leads Us to Server Him (John 21:20-22; 2 Corinthians 10:12; Matthew 25:23)

- What lesson can learn from how Jesus responds to Peter's desire to see if John would also be martyred like him? What dangers do face when we choose to compare our ministries to someone else's ministry?
- What are the blessings promised by Jesus to those who are faithful and content with how Jesus uniquely leads us to serve Him?