



Series: Questions Jesus Asked

Passage: John 21:1-17

Title: Do You Love Me

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Discussion Starter – What thought comes to your mind if it were you who Jesus was asking the question “Do you love Me?” How would you respond?

Read John 21:1-3 – Self Directed Life

- 1) What are your core values of faith? Read Matthew 22:37-40 and John 13:34. How are these core values different than any other religions or faiths?
- 2) Describe in your own words the overall theme that seems to be taking place in the disciple’s lives. What is the deeper meaning of Peter telling them he was going fishing?
 - a. Things did not turn out the way Peter might have hoped for by following Jesus for the past three years. How can our perceived expectations of what we think should happen to us as Christians hinder our relationship with Jesus, when things don’t turn out the way we want them to?

Read John 21:4-14 – The Self Direct Life Versus A Life Surrendered To Jesus

- 3) What are your insights on verse 4 as to why the disciples could not recognize Jesus?
- 4) What spiritual lesson was Jesus bringing to light as He provides the abundant catch of fish in an instant, when the seven disciples could not catch any fish throughout the entire night?
- 5) Who was the first to recognize Jesus and announce it to the others? What is the significance of how Peter responds once he realizes it is Jesus who was calling out to them?
- 6) What do you see Jesus doing here as He invites them to take some of what they have caught as well as what he has provided, and share a meal with them?
 - b. Read Matthew 16:24-27. How much of your life is being directed by Jesus? What are some of the areas you have not quite handed over to Him? How might this be impacting your relationship with Him?

Read John 21:15-17

- 7) Describe the importance, purpose and meaning of the three progressive questions Jesus asks Peter, as to whether He loved Jesus and what he should do to demonstrate this love.
- 8) What do you think Jesus meant when He asked Peter “do you love Me more than these?”
 - c. What talents did God give Peter and how should he have used them? How are you using the talents God has given you?