



Believe

JOHN

MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

“Do You Love Me?” – Jesus

Jesus Restores Peter (21:15-19)

- A. Peter’s previous failure
 1. Boasted that he’d never abandon Jesus (Matt. 26:31, 33; Jn. 13:37-38)
 2. Denied Jesus three times (Jn. 18:15-18, 25-27)
- B. The three-fold question & answer (vv. 15-17)
 1. Jesus questions Peter three times (vv. 15a, 16a, 17a)
 1. “Do you love me?” (v. 15a, 16a, 17a)
 2. “More than these?” (v. 15a)
 3. Is this John’s Greek rendering of a conversation conducted in Aramaic?
 2. Peter’s answer (vv. 15b, 16b, 17b)
 1. “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” (vv. 15b, 16b)
 2. “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” (v. 17b)

Jesus Re-Commissions Peter (vv. 15c, 16c, 17c)

- A. Restoration deals with the past
- B. Re-commissioning deals with the future
- C. “Feed my lambs.” (v. 15c)
- D. “Shepherd my sheep.” (v. 16c)
- E. “Feed my sheep.” (v. 17c)
- F. Not as ‘the’ shepherd of the flock
- G. Jesus’ charge to ‘shepherd’, is conditioned by ‘Do you love me?’
- H. “Shepherd my (Jesus’) sheep” – the ‘sheep’ remain Jesus’ ‘sheep’
- I. ‘Shepherd’ does not imply ruling

- J. Loving Jesus has a practical side
- K. Jesus tells Peter his discipleship will end in martyrdom (vv. 18-19a)
- L. Martyrdom
- M. Peter & Jesus' deaths linked
- N. Following Jesus means suffering of some kind
- O. "Follow me"
- P. Peter's discipleship took the form of feeding & shepherding
- Q. Peter's desire to die for Jesus was now possible (v. 19b)

The Beloved Disciple Will Bear Witness to Jesus (Jn. 21:20-24)

- A. The beloved disciple followed Peter & Jesus (v. 20)
- B. Peter asked Jesus, "Lord, what about him?" (v. 21)
- C. Jesus adjusts Peter (v. 22)
 - 1. "If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you?"
 - 2. "As for you, follow me."
- D. John corrects a rumor (v. 23)
- E. John bears witness to Jesus in all that he wrote (v. 24)

Love Without Limits – Words of Love Must Be Matched by a Life of Love

- A. The gift of our physical lives for others
- B. Love others as you are called by Jesus
- C. "You, follow me."