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Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Gospel of John – week 42



Let's hear your story

1. Tell of a time when you had to explain to a friend or family member how Jesus restored Peter after he denied Jesus three times?
2. What does v.4 – 6 tell us about Jesus's presence in our places of work? **(Jesus is present in our work places, and is speaking to us.)**
3. How did the Resurrected Jesus serve His disciples in v.9 – 12? **(He made a fire and laid fish and bread on it, and invited His disciples for breakfast.)**
4. What did Peter declare to Jesus and the other disciples in Matthew 26:33? **(Though they "disciples" will fall away, I will never fall away. He was proud.)**



Let's go deeper

5. What question did Jesus ask Peter to restore him in v.15? **(Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these "other disciples?").**
6. What kind of love was Jesus referring to in v.15 – 16? **(Agapao; an unselfish love that focus on others. A love that gives without getting).**
7. How was Peter to demonstrate this love in v.15 – 17? **(To feed, to tend and to care for God's people. Jesus said, My lambs, My sheep.)**
8. What will this kind of love cost Peter according to v.18 – 19? **(It will cost him everything, his own life – death by crucifixion.)**



Let's apply this

9. John 21:15; When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, **do you love me** more than these?"

This is the true leadership test; do you love Jesus with an unselfish, all giving, total commitment and devotional love. Peter denied Jesus three times, because he loved himself more than Jesus. Jesus said to Peter, for you to be effective in the Kingdom, you will have to love others more than yourself.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you, your true heart condition?
- Ask Jesus to give you this love for Him and His people?
- Allow the Holy Spirit to use you to love, care and feed God's people.

SUMMARY:

Gospel of John: Week 42 (A call to love).

Read: John 21:1 – 25; John 20:30 – 31; Mathew 26:31 – 33 and 1 Peter 5:1 – 4.

John 20:30 – 31; Now that we believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, we are not done, but have work to do. Chapter 21 is the commissioning of Jesus' disciples.

v.1 – 4; Jesus showed up at their workplace (fishing). He is interested in all we do.

v.5 – 6; We should never be afraid to change our method, if it is at the command of Jesus. The disciples did as the Man on the shore asked and were successful. This shows the difference between doing work with God's guidance and without Him.

v.7 – 9; The resurrected Jesus is a humble Servant. He prepared a fire and cooked food for His disciples. Jesus had food for them before the great catch of fish. Jesus is about to commission His disciples to continue the work He started, and Jesus starts by serving them and preparing a meal for them, this is the beginning of the New Testament church and it starts with following Jesus, friendships, and fellowship.

v.10 – 15; In Matthew 26:31 – 33; Peter declared that he loved Jesus more than all the other disciples. Then later Peter denies Jesus three times; his love was self-centred. In John 21:15; Jesus deals with Peter's sin publicly in front of the other disciples, but Jesus does not crush him, Jesus does it to bring him godly grief and sorrow that leads to repentance that will lead to restoration and fruitfulness.

Jesus did this by asking Peter if he loves Him with an unselfish love. Peter's big reason for denying Jesus was because he loved himself more than Jesus, and Jesus points him to a greater love which is an unselfish love, to love others more than yourself. A love that gives without getting, and Peter chooses to say yes to this love.

v.16 – 17; Peter replied with yes, Lord, I love you, and then Jesus tells Peter to show or demonstrate his love for Jesus by tending, feeding, and caring for God's people. But this will require an unselfish love from Peter, to not think of himself, but of others. And what Jesus has done here is to remove the possibility of Peter remaining in his self-centred focus.

v.18 – 25; Jesus tells Peter what this love is going to cost him. Jesus explains to him that he will die by crucifixion. The book of Acts tells us that Peter transformed after his face-to-face meeting with Jesus, Peter preached on the day of Pentecost and 3000 people were born-again, in Acts 3, he performed a powerful healing, and that his shadow fell on someone who was sick and they recovered, in Acts 5. In Acts 10 he proclaimed to the Gentiles the salvation of Jesus and the baptism of Holy Spirit. In 1 Peter 5 he reminds elders to be shepherds of God's flock. Peter finished strong.