

9. How are Jesus' instructions to you like and unlike those He gave Peter? How well are you fulfilling your instructions? How could you improve?

10. How can you bring glory to God through your life and the unique opportunities God has given you?

Let's Pray:

For our missionaries:

Tim and Sherry Thomas - AWANA missionaries

Pray for wisdom to serve the ever-changing needs of the local church and for additional financial support partners.

Sermon Notes

"Our Restoration"

John 21

December 11, 2016

Introduction:

1. _____ (13:36-38; 18:15-18,25-27)

2. _____ (21:1-3)

3. _____ (21:4-17)

4. _____ (21:18-22)

Conclusion:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 12-11-16

Questions adapted from Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., John: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1987, pp. 199-209; Jim Petersen, Living Proof, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1989, pp. 247-48; James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, pp. 187-88.

Getting Started:

1. When have you been so glad to see someone that you just had to run out to meet that person?

Digging Deeper:

2. Read John 21. What do you think is the central point John means to make by including this episode?
3. In the presence of Peter's colleagues, Jesus three times asked Peter if he loved Him. Why do you think He did this?

4. How would you respond if Jesus, knowing everything you have done this week, asked you, 'Do you love Me?' How would you feel?
5. What do you think Jesus meant by "Do you love me *more than these*" (21:15)? More than who or what?
6. Why do you suppose Peter kept answering, "you know that ..." (21:15-18)?
7. Explain in your own words the three-fold commission Jesus gave Peter in response to his three-fold declaration of love.
8. "Follow Me" was one of the first things Jesus said to Peter (see Matthew 4:18-20). It was also just about the last thing He said to him (John 21:19-22). Why is this second invitation more significant than the first? How was following to be different from that point on?