

Jesus told Peter each time to "feed my sheep". Read one of these passages each day and reflect on the ways you are challenged to serve.

Matt 22:37-40

Matt 25:31-46

John 14:15

John 15:8-17

Eph 2:10

1 John 3:16-19

Luke 10:27 & Duet 6:5

How has your love for the Lord changed as you "do" His will?

How we can apply the above principles to our ministry today?

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Series: **Whatta Comeback**

The Way Forward

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John 21: 15 - 23

Focus on Loving Jesus.

De 6:5 Lu 10:27

Focus on Obeying the Word.

1Sa 15:22 Matt 12:47-50 1 John 5:3

Focus on Serving others.

Romans 11:29 Ga 5:13

Focus on staying Focused.

Gal 5:24-26 Rom 8:5

Read our study passages for this week: John 21:1-22.

When they came back in from fishing all night Jesus was standing on the shore and told them to cast their nets back out.

What was the Lord trying to demonstrate to the apostles?

What was the result of their obedience?

What was the message of faith Jesus hoped the disciples would catch?

Read Matthew 26:31-33. What do we see here about Peter's character? What is the problem with comparisons? What does the scripture say about pridefulness? What problems have been caused for you when you or someone else has been making comparisons? How does pride play into our "need" to compare?

Read verse 15 of John 21. - then read 1 Peter 1:1 and 2 Peter 1:1
Jesus addresses Peter differently than he addresses himself.
Do you think there might be a message in that difference?
How does Peter get from Simon son of John to Petros?
If there is a transition for each of us when we come to the Lord, how is that transition identified?

There is an old hymn that says:

*There's a new name Written down in glory,
And it's mine, (And it's mine,)
oh yes, it's mine! (yes, it's mine!)*

Have there been times when you couldn't or didn't live up to your name or title or responsibilities? Can you share that experience with your group and how you felt?

What's Love Got To Do With It?"

Three times, Jesus asked Peter the same question. Do you love me? Of all the things Jesus could have said to Peter, this is what he chose to lead with. Why is this particular question so important for Peter? Why is that question so important for all of us?

This is very interesting exchange and Peter's third answer is different. What does that third answer reveal about repentance and what does it reveal about Peter's attitude at this moment?

The goal of Jesus is to reinstate Peter so that he can be useful in the Kingdom. Why can't Jesus simply say, Peter I forgive you, now go and serve? Why was this process important and how does it speak to human nature?

As believers, what are some of the attitudes we need to wrestle with before we can be effective servants in God's Kingdom?

Pastor Chuck Swindoll wrote a book titled "Improving Your Serve". In it, he says this; *"Our Father is preparing us to meet the deep inner needs of others by bringing us through the dark places first."*

Read 2 Cor 1:3-7

What does this say about our usefulness for God's purposes? Does this apply even to those like Peter, who suffer because of their own choices? Why or why not?

Consider Peter, the choice he made, and the fact that Jesus continued to choose him. Consider the fact that Jesus went the extra mile to meet them on the beach in the morning, prepare breakfast, and then let all the others know that Peter was still useable.

How does this affect your view of failure in general?

He does this affect your view of yourself when it comes to failure?

How does it make you feel about what might be in store for you moving forward?

Share a time with your group when you felt the Lord meeting you where you were. How did that make you feel? What are some tangible ways that can we do that for others? Why is it so important?