

Great Commission Relationships

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John 21 (page # 829 in pew Bibles)

Story Notes:

Study Questions

Spring 2017: Week 3 of 5

(½ Hr. of Preparation before Connection Group, More is Optional)

Looking Up to God:

Read two different accounts of Jesus restoring people within their community: John 8:1-11, Luke 7:36-41. How are these two accounts similar and/or different from Peter's restoration found in John 21?

Is there a reason for the public venues?

Jesus seems to tell Simon Peter that his future faithfulness as a Christ follower eventually involves his death. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-11. In light of this passage circle the statements that are true:

- “Suffering accompanies true discipleship”
- “Prayer is to alleviate life difficulties”
- “Life in Christ brings us to the end of our own self-sufficiency”
- “God will provide comfort in difficult situations if we seek Him in our difficulties”
- “In our inability God's ability is manifested”
- “Our experiences with God are personal and are not to be shared”
- “Prayer for people's comfort is biblical”
- “Past faith acts lead to future acts of faith”

Looking into Others:

In what sports, clubs, or activities were you most involved during high school?

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Tough Question: Have you ever been disappointed by someone you had a relationship with, or have you ever disappointed someone else? What was the outcome and what lessons from Peter and Jesus could you apply as you look back.

Peter when told of his future death wanted to compare his future with that of John, John 21:20.

True or False: All people deal with issues from comparing themselves to others.

Describe the advice you would give someone who struggles with the “comparison dilemma.”

Looking Out to Others:

What does it mean to feed sheep and lambs, John 21:15-17?

State how God’s mission helps us move on from past relational difficulties in a positive way.

Looking into Myself (Private):

Relationships can be very difficult and very personal. Is there a relationship that you currently struggling with? Can you through God’s help offer forgiveness or a form a restitution to provide opportunity for restoration?