

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023

MORNING MESSAGE

"A Simon Peter Easter: Peter in the Ministry"

John 21:15-23

I. THE MOTIVE OF MINISTRY (vv.15-17)

A. The motive of ministry is love

1. Deuteronomy 6:4-5, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord, And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might"
2. Deuteronomy 10:12, "And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul"
3. Matthew 22:36-38, "Master, which is the greatest commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment"

B. Peter was confronted

C. Peter was challenged

II. THE MARK OF MINISTRY (vv.18-19a)

A. The mark of ministry is sacrifice

1. Matthew 16:24, "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me"
2. Luke 14:26, "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple"
3. Luke 14:33, "So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple"

III. THE MANDATE OF MINISTRY (vv.19b-23)

A. The mandate of ministry is follow me

1. John 10:27, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me"
2. John 12:26, "If any man serve me, let him follow me"
3. Matthew 4:19, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men"

B. Peter was curious

C. Peter was corrected