

ERASED

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Gone Fishing

Scripture: John 21:15-23

1. Why do we go back to old ways?
2. Why can I not say, "I love you."?
3. Do I need to follow you alone?

NOTES:

HOMEGROUP & PERSONAL STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Can you recall a time that you were frustrated with Jesus or so embarrassed by a personal failure that you did not want to talk or be with him? What was your thinking during this time and in what other ways did it affect your relationships (home, work, etc.)?
2. There are many who will testify to finding joy and purpose in their Christian journey, but for myriad reasons “go back” to old ways and abandon their pursuit of Jesus. Has this ever happened to you? Why do you think it happens? Can you share a personal experience?
3. Jesus has a “define the relationship” conversation with Peter (John 21:15-17), essentially asking Peter to describe the depth and loyalty of his love for Jesus; can you recall or share an event or moment in your Christian experience where you have had a similar encounter with God? How did you respond to Jesus’ question; “Do you like me or love me?”
4. Immediately following Jesus’ instructions to Peter to “follow me,” Peter asks about another disciple (follower of Jesus). Jesus responds, telling him, “What is that to you? You follow me” (John 21:20-22). Do you ever find yourself comparing your Christian experience with the experience of others? Does thinking about what others do or what others think about you affect your Christian experience and/or growth? Please discuss your experiences and thoughts on this phenomenon.
5. In the teaching from this lesson, Pastor Ron shared the disciples had come in contact with the Holy Spirit through their encounter and relationship with Jesus, but had not yet received the Holy Spirit in full. What are your thoughts about this encounter? Can you relate to experiencing manifestations of the Holy Spirit, but not receiving the Holy Spirit in full?
6. What do you think receiving the Holy Spirit in full means? What do you think it feels or looks like? Are there particular measurable and observable details about the person who is “full of the Holy Spirit” you could name? What are they?
7. Can you describe how a person can receive and continually live in the fullness of the Holy Spirit? Can you share if and when you received the Holy Spirit in full? What changed or what continues to change in your life as a result?