

Next Steps 4

John 21:15-19

Ask them this:

Who told you about Jesus? Was there anything significant about the way they told you? Why or why not?

What does the person who told you about Jesus tell you about your responsibility to share this great news?

Say something like this:

At the end of the Gospel of John, Jesus had an encounter with Peter that reinstates him into service for the Gospel. Jesus has a unique way of doing this. Let's take a look at this brief account.

Read this:

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Ask them this:

What do you think is significant about the amount of times that Jesus asked Peter if he loves him? (*Peter denied him 3 times*)

What do you think the difference is between feeding sheep and taking care of them?

Say something like this:

John writes about indicating the kind of death that Peter would experience because this Gospel was written after Peter died, and he was crucified upside down. This tells us that Peter was true to his promise even to the point of absolute sacrifice.

Ask them this:

What does this imply about Jesus' invitation to "follow him?" (*Following Jesus means we might suffer like Jesus did. In Peter's case this was very literally.*)

Say something like this:

Now that we've talked about the biblical story, let's talk about how this applies to our own lives and the vision of the church.

Ask them this:

Whose job is it to tell people about Jesus?

What do you think it would mean to be "steadfast in discipleship?"

Who is someone that you look up to greatly in the way that they pursue Jesus? What is it about that person that draws you to them?

Say something like this:

Living on mission with Jesus means sharing the truth of the Gospel, and this may occur without even using words. It may happen purely through actions of love to the people around you.

Ask them this:

Who is someone you need to live on mission with Jesus for?

Challenge them with this:

Jesus is calling all of us to follow him. It may look different for each of us because he has made us all differently, but one thing will always stay the same. We are here to serve and love the lost. How can we do this better as a group?