

THE QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED PART III “DO YOU LOVE ME? DO YOU BELIEVE?”

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INTRODUCTION

- Great teachers all have something in common: They ask questions.
- Jesus' questions were unique, and often problematic, because they penetrated hard hearts and provoked people to reconsider old thinking.
- What is a question? At its root is quest. A journey of discovery, a search for an answer.

I. JESUS THE RESTORER - John 21:1-25

- Jesus has been crucified and resurrected.
- Redemption has come, but it hasn't happened for His followers yet.
- This story is about healing and restoration.
- Disciples go back to Galilee and go fishing.
- We all gravitate back to that thing or those things that are safe and familiar.
- John 21:15-17 NLT, After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “You know I love you.” “Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him...¹⁷ A third time He asked him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, “Lord, you know

everything. You know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Then feed my sheep.”

- The responsibility given back to Peter is the same responsibility God has given us, to serve, to give, and to live for others!
- The question: “Do you love me more than these?”
- The Invitation: Would you choose to let me be the safe and familiar thing you run to?

II. THE QUESTION: “DO YOU BELIEVE?” - John 11:1-29

- Jesus is told His friend Lazarus is very sick.
- Vs. 4 - “Lazarus' sickness will not end in death. Happened for the Glory of God...”
- He stays two more days.
- Vs. 14 - On the way to see Lazarus Jesus predicts he is dead.
- Vss. 25-26, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying...Do you believe this, Martha?”
- Usually we have to be ok with His timing, not ours. And in our frustration and disappointment we still have to believe.

CLOSE

- Do you Love Me? “Follow me.” Serve, give, and live for others!
- Do you Believe? Believing starts with following and ends in giving our lives away because He's given so much life to us.