



Week 29
Discussion Questions

Text: John 21

Icebreaker: Looking back on our time in the book of John, what is one moment, teaching, or encounter with Jesus that has most shaped your faith in this season?

1. Read this week's passage. What stands out from the text or sermon?
2. When Jesus appears to the disciples after his resurrection, he performs another miracle. Why did Jesus perform this miracle for the disciples and what did it reveal about him in this encounter?

There is a parallel in this miracle to Jesus' miracle of feeding of the 5000. The abundance of fish and the bread on the fire remind the disciples of what Jesus has done in the past and that he continues to provide abundantly for them. Though he's returned to them after the resurrection, he will still eventually leave them, so this is a final reminder of his faithfulness, abundant provision, and grace.
3. Peter denied Jesus three times before his crucifixion. Jesus asks Peter, "do you love me?" three times. Why does Jesus ask Peter three times and what does it teach us about God's grace for us?

Anytime there is repetition in Scripture, we should pay attention because something is being emphasized. The emphasis here from both the parallel 3 denials and 3 professions of love is that God's grace covers our failure and that our failure is not final. God's love has the final word over our sin. This display of God's grace gives us hope in our failure that God will forgive and still lead us toward his abundant life.
4. Describe a time when you experienced doubt or failure in your faith. What were your thoughts about yourself and about God in this time?
5. In response to our doubts and failures, Jesus asks us, "Do you love me?" This is not a question of accusation, but one of grace. In what way have you seen God's grace extended to you despite your doubts and failures?
6. What is the evidence of our love for Jesus according to him in this passage?

Jesus tells Peter in order to show his love to Christ, he must "feed the lambs" and "tend the sheep." In John 13:35, Jesus says, "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Jesus' salvation, his grace, and his love are for us, but it is evident here that his love should compel us to love others. Here at Calvary, that's our Mission: "Building Christ Centered Communities of People Fully Devoted to Loving God and Loving Others."

John Recap

7. How did you encounter Jesus in a new way through your study of John this year?
8. In what ways have you experienced "life to the full" in this season?
9. In one sentence, summarize the Gospel according to John in your own words.
10. Recall the responses of those who witnessed Jesus signs and miracles in the book of John. What is one way in this next season you can be more confident in your own witness and boldly share your faith with others?