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**Digging Deeper into John 21**

John 21 provides opportunity to discuss three different aspects of what it means to be a Christian: Loving God and others, Obedience to your calling, and Following Jesus, i.e., making Him ***the most important person in your life***.

***Read John 21:1-14 to set up the discussion***

**1. Jesus Restores Peter: “*Do you Love Me*”** (3X)

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Love plays a very large role in John’s writings so it is no surprise that He ends his Gospel with this story. Jesus gives Peter three chances to “redeem” himself from his three denials.

* *Why do you suppose Peter was so grieved with Jesus asking him three times if he loved him?*
* *Tony always says that Salvation is a relationship. Love is at the foundation of all healthy relationships. Read Gal 5:22-23 and 1 Cor 13:13, then define and discuss what this type of love is compared to the World’s love.*

**2. Jesus Commissions Peter: “*Feed my Sheep*”**

***Read again John 21:15-17 and John 14:15***.

Peter’s commission was quite clear from Jesus (read 1 Peter 5:1-4 to see how much this experience affected him). A demonstration of Peter’s love for Jesus was to step into his calling of being a shepherd of God’s people.

* *Discuss some of the various callings you have from God and are you being obedient to them . . . out of love?*

3. J**esus Final Command: “*Follow me*”**

***Read John 21:18-23***

* *To end this study, survey through the following passages from Matthew and discuss the “all out commitment” Jesus is calling us to as His disciples*
* *Matthew 4:18-19, 10:37-39, 16:24-25*