



Lovest Thou Me?

John 21:15-19

Christ's Asks Peter A Question That We All Need To Answer

A. A Superior Love (21:15)

1. Begins with fellowship

1 John 1:3

2. Bigger than you

1 John 4:10

Matthew 16:18

3. Bigger than "these"

John 12:43

4. Bigger than what you think you should do

Matthew 19:14

Matthew 23:11-12

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B. A Serving Love (21:16)

1. One that understands

a. The magnitude of God's love

Ephesians 3:17-19

b. The message of God's love

1 Peter 1:22

2. One who can lead others to understand

a. The ministration of God's love

Acts 20:28

b. The manner of God's love

1 Peter 5:2

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C. A Sacrificial Love (21:17-19)

1. God knows his heart (21:17)

a. He comes down to Peter's level

Psalm 44:21

b. He reveals what Peter already knew

1 John 3:20-21

2. God knows his heading (21:18-19)

a. Peter's surrender

Revelation 12:11

b. Peter's steadfastness

2 Peter 1:13-16

Focus
John 21:20-25

We Need To Remain Focused On Christ

I. Focus On God's Plan For You (21:20-22)

A. Look at Christ Not Others (21:20)

John 21:20

Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee?

1. A command

Proverbs 4:25

Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

I. Focus On God's Plan For You (21:20-22)

A. Look at Christ Not Others (21:20) - continued

2. A concern

Luke 9:62

And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

I. Focus On God's Plan For You (21:20-22)

A. Look at Christ Not Others (21:20) - continued

3. A consideration

a. For salvation

Hebrews 12:2a

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;...

b. For strength

John 15:5

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

I. Focus On God's Plan For You (21:20-22)

B. Look At Your Job Not Someone Else's Job (21:21)

John 21:21

Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do?

C. Look At Your Path Not Someone Else's Path (21:22)

John 21:22

Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.

II. Focus on God's Truth Not Rumor (21:23)

John 21:23

Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?

II. Focus on God's Truth Not Rumor (21:23)

A. The rumor (21:23)

Ephesians 4:25

Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

B. The reality (21:23)

Ephesians 4:15

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

III. Focus On What God Has Done (21:24-25)

A. The veracity (21:24)

John 21:24

This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true.

2 Peter 2:16

For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

III. Focus On What God Has Done (21:24-25)

A. The veracity (21:24)

1 John 1:3-4

3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

III. Focus On What God Has Done (21:24-25)

B. The volume (21:25)

John 21:25

And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

Are We Focused On Christ?