

SERMON OUTLINE John 21:15-19

Do You Love Jesus More Than?

DO YOU LOVE ME MORE THAN ____?

DO YOU LOVE ME MORE THAN THESE? (15-17)

No Love by Comparison

Changing Vocabulary

The Heart of Jesus' Charge

BY WHAT KIND OF DEATH? (18-19)

FOLLOW ME (19)

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big idea of this passage is Jesus' loving and gracious restoration and recommissioning of Peter. Jesus' love for Peter led to His forgiveness of Peter, to Peter's love for Jesus, and to Peter's glad willingness to shepherd Jesus' flock. The main takeaway for us is to receive Jesus' love, to love Jesus above all, and to follow Jesus in loving ministry.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Was Advent a part of your childhood? Is it a part of your life now? If so, how? What's one of the most helpful practices or resources you've found in celebrating Advent? What's one thing you could do to make this Advent more honoring to God?
3. If you were to be totally honest, is there anything you currently love more than Jesus? Why?
4. If someone were to ask you why it is a good thing to love Jesus more than everything, what would you tell them?
5. Do you often find yourself comparing yourself to others? Do you ever do so in matters of spiritual maturity? How? Why?
6. Have you ever heard a message on this passage that focused on the different words for "love" used in Greek?
7. On a scale of 1-10, how grieved are you over your own sin? Over the sin of others?
8. What do you usually do when you sin?
9. How does the fact that Jesus knows everything about you (your every thought, feeling, movement, desire, etc.) affect your life?
10. Are you intentionally and actively and consistently engaged in helping others grow in their faith?
11. If you are doing a lot of "Christians stuff," are you confident that your "Christian stuff" is properly aimed?
12. If you could know the details of your death (how, when, where, why), would you want to?
13. Have you ever thought about how you'd like to die?
14. Would an outside, impartial observer describe your life as "following Jesus"? Why/not?
15. In what ways did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

16. Make a plan to use Advent well...for yourself, your family, and your DG. Pick up at least one resource mentioned in the service.
17. Make a list of all the glories of Jesus you can find in John's Gospel. Ask God to help you love Him more fully because of them.
18. If you struggle by comparing yourself overly favorably to others, read "[Humility: True Greatness](#)" by C.J. Mahaney. If you struggle with comparing yourself negatively to others, read "[When People are Big and God is Small](#)," by Ed Welch.
19. Find one way to encourage one other person to grow in their faith this week.
20. Commit to one ongoing ministry of Grace Church.
21. Write out two paragraphs on what you hope your next-door neighbor would say at your funeral.
22. Ask two different people in your family or DG one thing they got from this sermon and how you can pray for them in light of it.
23. Ask God to show you one specific thing you ought to do differently as a result of this text or sermon and for someone to help.

PRAYER POINTS

24. Adoration. Praise God that He is all-loving and all-knowing. Praise God that He is the perfect Shepherd of His sheep. Praise God that He alone is worthy of all our love. Praise God that He is infinitely glorious.
25. Confess. Confess your sins to God. Confess your lack of love for Him, of ministry engagement, and of following Jesus.
26. Thanksgiving. Thank God for the people who helped you come to and grow in your faith. Thank God for sending Jesus.
27. Supplication. Ask God to help us love Jesus more than everything else and to tend to His sheep in His name. .