

# SERMON OUTLINE John 21:20-23

You Follow Me!

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## **INTRODUCTION**

## **CLARIFICATIONS**

*Who Was Following? (20)*

*What About This Man? (21)*

*What Is that To You? (22)*

*When Will He Die? (23)*

## **CONCLUSION**

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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## MAIN POINT

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The big idea of this passage is that following Jesus is the primary call on all of our lives. The main takeaway, therefore, is to follow Jesus.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. What is the most in-depth study of a book of the Bible you've ever done? What was the process like? What was the result?
3. Have you ever wished that Jesus were with you to clarify something for you like He was for Peter in this passage?
4. Have you ever truly experienced the "superiority" of having the Word and Spirit to having Jesus like Peter did?
5. As you consider John's close proximity to Jesus and Jesus' particular love for him, do you find yourself growing in gratitude to God for giving you such an account of the life and ministry of Jesus? How does that shape the way you read the Gospel?
6. What tends to define your friendships? Do have any friendships that are genuinely rooted in the gospel (not shared hobbies)?
7. What are some specific ways a friend has helped you follow Jesus?
8. What is the essence of being a Christian? What does it mean to be a Christian? What is the Christian life in simplest terms?
9. Do you ever find yourself distracted by things that aren't really a part of following Jesus? Why?
10. Can you name something you really believed to be true about God that you later found out to be wrong? What happened?
11. In what ways did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

## AREAS OF APPLICATION

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12. Make a plan to use Advent well...for yourself, your family, and your DG. Pick up at least one resource mentioned in the service.
13. Begin reading through Ecclesiastes. Pray through it, asking God to help you understand it, in order that you might be duly transformed by it. Make a list of everything that stands out—questions, observations, encouragements, etc.
14. Pray through a passage of the Bible this week. Ask God to help you trust that He hears and speaks through it.
15. Do something specific to cultivate a new or strengthen an existing gospel-rooted friendship this week.
16. Send a note to a couple of your friends who have helped you grow in your faith. Thank God for them and them.
17. Do your best to work out a definition of Christianity, according to God's Word, in just a few sentences.
18. 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.
19. 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

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20. Adoration. Praise God for His love. Praise God for being personal and the true provider. Praise God that He is singular in His focus (for His glory). Praise God for being sovereign and true. Praise God for being eternal.
21. Confess. Confess a stronger commitment to worldly friendship than gospel friendship. Confess any ways you are comparing yourself to someone else instead of Jesus. Confess any ways you are wrongly following Jesus.
22. Thanksgiving. Thank God for His love, kindness, and patience. Thank God for your gospel friendships. Thank God for being clear on what He requires of us. Thank God that Jesus will return. Thank God for eternal life in Christ.
23. Supplication. Ask God to fill us with a right understanding of, love for, confidence in, and obedience to His Word. Ask Him to drive out any envy or pride in us. Ask God to fill us with trust in His promises. Ask God to help us experience His loving presence. Ask God to fill us with hope for eternal life. Ask God to keep us faithful to Him.