



KNOWING GOD

JOHN 15-21

Week 11 John 21:1-17 - Feed my Lambs

Goal: We grow in our love for Jesus are moved to serve Jesus' people, relying on his strength and provision



Read John 20:1-2

1. '*Jesus appeared again*' we're told. Recap what's been happening in the last chapter of John's gospel (ch 20)? Why do you think John identifies Thomas in this scene (and not many others)?

Read John 21:3-17



2. In pairs, consider verses 3-14. What stands out to you in these verses? What ideas dominate? What does John want us to notice?



3. Look again at verses 9-13. Who brings what to this beach breaky? Who has contributed what? Who is serving who?



Re-read v15-17

4. This conversation comes in three parts. What are the repeated elements? What changes?



5. What is the significance of the sheep / lambs metaphor? What does this communicate about God's people and what they need?

6. Why do you think Jesus asks Peter three times? (see John 13:38 and 18:17, 25-27)

7. What does this passage suggest is the connection between our relationship with Jesus and serving his people?

Consider the right *motivation* for ministry - love of Jesus; the chief *qualification* for ministry - love of Jesus; the appropriate *expression* of love of Christ.

Peter serves as one who has deeply experienced Jesus' grace after so blatantly failing him.

Consider the whole passage together (fishing, breakfast & conversation with Peter)



8. What connections do you notice between the fishing scene, breakfast scene and the call to ministry?

Being fed, having food, feeding others

9. What does this suggest about Jesus' role in the ongoing work of sustaining his people and providing for his sheep?



10. Peter is called to feed and care for Jesus' flock as an expression of his love. What things might be unique to him as an apostle, what is applicable for all Christians

If necessary, you could refer to or quickly flip to:

1 Pet 5.1-4 to see the Shepherd title isn't unique to Peter;
Ephesians 4.11-16 to see that ministry is for all Christians.

11. What opportunities might God be giving you to take part in feeding and serving God's people? How does this scene help shape our attitude and approach to this?

Eg. relationship with Jesus as central; dependence on him and his gracious provision in all things.

Discussion Question



Context Question



Structure Question



Observation Question



Meaning Question



Application Question