

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Living out the gospel with
one another in our homes

John 21:15-25 – Jason Finke

In this week's passage, John highlights a conversation between Jesus and Peter. Jesus took this opportunity to restore Peter, after Peter had denied his association with Jesus on the night He was arrested (John 18:17-27). Jesus reveals Peter's restoration in His three admonitions to tend/shepherd His lambs/sheep. Additionally, Jesus revealed to Peter the type of death he would suffer, and that he would glorify God in it. Finally, Jesus commanded Peter to follow Him.

The main point of the sermon was what can we expect when we turn to Jesus? Ted organized the sermon around three points.

1. **A Patient Restorer**
2. **An Advocate**
3. **A Complete Redeemer**

Discussion

1. In the sermon, Ted discussed how we always need a Savior. **Read Romans 7:14-25.** How does Paul's description of his struggle with sin (post-conversion) demonstrate our continual need for a Savior? How are you encouraged knowing that even an apostle like Paul still struggled with sin after his conversion? How does this week's passage (particularly John 21:15-17) demonstrate Jesus's willingness to restore believers when we sin?
2. Additionally, Ted noted that Jesus is our Advocate with the Father and is interceding for us based on His righteousness. **Read Isaiah 53:10-12 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-21.** How do these passages demonstrate that Jesus's righteousness is imputed to the believer? Why does Jesus advocate for us based on His righteousness?
3. Finally, Ted discussed how Peter's standing was not unsettled. **Read John 10:27-29 and 1 Peter 1:3-5.** How do these passages indicate that the believer's position is secure? Why is the believer's position secure? How can we be encouraged by the knowledge that if we are in Christ, our salvation is secure?

Reflection: At the end of his sermon, Ted also mentioned what those who don't turn to Jesus can expect – particularly that they are still in their sins and God's wrath is upon them. For anyone who has not turned to Jesus, we plead with you to be reconciled to God by turning from your sin and trusting in Jesus.

