

## What Happened to Peter? – John 21:15-25

**Intro:** Have you ever done something or messed up so bad and thought that you got to the point of no return? Peter may have thought that until what happened to him on the shoreline.

### I. A Man Was \_\_\_\_\_ – 21:15-17

A. Questions – \_\_\_\_\_ of Love

1. 21:15 - Do you love me more than these?
2. 21:16 - Do you love (agape) me?
3. 21:17 - Do you love (phileo) me?

B. Answers – \_\_\_\_\_ of Love

1. Yes Lord, You know that I love (phileo) You.
2. Yes Lord, You know that I love (phileo) You.
3. Lord, you know all things; You know that I love You.

C. Commission – \_\_\_\_\_ of Love

1. Feed My lambs – Tend to their needs.
2. Tend My Sheep – Shepherd
3. Feed My Sheep – Feed; Herd; Tend

### II. \_\_\_\_\_ was Revealed – 21:18-19

**Illust.** – Evidence of a lesson learned is when faced with a similar situation, the God-honoring choice is made.

A. \_\_\_\_\_ Faithfulness Seen

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### III. A \_\_\_\_\_ Received – 5:19, 22

A. Continue to do what I \_\_\_\_\_ you to - Matthew 4:19.

B. Continue now that you have been \_\_\_\_\_.

**Conclusion** - The mandate that Jesus gave to Peter is the one that He gives to us. Jesus, the One whose story is like none other gives each of us the opportunity of a life time that is like none other.

## **Small Group Study Questions**

### **Develop**

1. Have you or has anybody that you know done a restoration project? Why do people like restoring things to their original condition?

### **Dig**

1. What do you think the emotions of Peter were like as he saw Jesus and as his conversation with him began?

2. What stands out to you in this process of restoration that Jesus led Peter through? Compare what Jesus did with Galatians 6:1.

3. Read Philippians 1:6 – How does this verse give us confidence that God will not give up on us even when we fail him?

4. Discuss how loving the Lord changes serving and following Him from a duty to a desire. How have you seen this in your life?

5. Why was it important for Peter to be able to confess his love for Jesus?

6. Read John 21:18-19, Why was Peter able to face his future with confidence even in the midst of certain martyrdom? (See also 1 Peter 1:3-5 and 2 Peter 1:3).

7. Jesus told Peter twice in this passage to follow him. What did he mean? How does the “follow me” mandate from Jesus apply to us?

### **Do**

1. What is a key truth that you learned from this study that you want to apply to your daily life?