

Connect Group Guide: "It's A Heart Issue" | John 21



Passage: John 21:15-19

Sermon Link:

Welcome:

(Choose a question for your group to discuss)

- What do you know about the story where Jesus reinstates Peter over some breakfast on the beach?

Worship:

(You may choose to use YouTube or other mediums to facilitate your time of worship)

-  Brotherhood Musiq - Open The Eyes Of My Heart (Music Video)

Word:

(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)

Before reading the scripture:

- Describe what it means to love Jesus. How do we do this practically?
- What does it mean to take the focus off ourselves and place it on God?
- Has God ever trusted you with one of his "sheep"? How did you take care of them?

Read: Jeremiah 17:9

- Why do you think the book of Jeremiah calls the heart deceitful? Do you find this to be true in your own life?

Read: Ezekiel 36:26-27

- How does this verse speak to the verse found in Jeremiah? How does this verse provide you with hope?

Read: John 21:15-19

- Why do you think Jesus questioned Peter's love for Him publicly?
- Peter publicly declared that he would never leave or deny Jesus (Matthew 26:31-35), but everyone knew what that story ended.
- Jesus decides to restore Peter in public. How does this encourage you?
- Jesus asking Peter: "Do you love me?" refers to a heart issue. How would you currently answer this question?
- After reinstating Peter Jesus gives him a few commands... feed *my* sheep; take care of *my* sheep; feed *my* sheep. Why does Jesus trust Peter with *His* sheep?

Works:

(Take some time for personal reflecting on the following questions and then share back with the group)

- Do you love Jesus?
- How can you move your focus from yourself towards Him this week?

Closing:

(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)

- Pray that we may shift our focus from us towards Jesus so that we may take care of those he entrusts to us.

