

Lesson 39

DO YOU LOVE JESUS?

John 21:1-25

Key Verse: 17, *“The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.”*

1. Where did risen Jesus appear again and to which disciples (1-2; 20:26)? What did Peter initiate, with what result (3)? Do you think they were doing what Jesus wanted them to do (20:21-23)? How and when did Jesus initiate this meeting (4-6)?
2. What did John realize and how did the other disciples respond (7-8)? How did Jesus invite them (9-13)? Why would this be particularly meaningful to these disciples? What did Jesus remind them about himself through this miraculous catch (9-14)?
3. What did Jesus ask Peter and why (15; 13:37-38)? How did Peter answer? Why did Jesus ask him three times (16-17; 18:25-27)? Why was this conversation critical for Peter and his mission?
4. How did Jesus want Peter to show his love and what do you think this means (15b,16b,17b; 1Pe 5:2-3)? Whose sheep are they and what is Peter's relationship to them? What does it show about Jesus to trust Peter with his lambs?
5. What did Jesus tell Peter about what it would mean to follow him (18-19)? What did Peter ask about John and how did Jesus reply (20-22)? How does Jesus want you personally to follow him?
6. What rumor spread as a result of Jesus' words about John (23)? What was the author John's testimony (24-25)? What have you learned in this passage about Jesus' love for you and how to respond to Jesus' love and grace in your life?