

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FOLLOW JESUS?

John 21:15-23

Background: The Miraculous Catch of Fish (John 21:1-14)

I. CHRIST'S CALL TO FOLLOW HIM IS IRREVOCABLE (JOHN 21:15-17)

- A. But it does require that we face our failures and accept forgiveness.
- B. We need to learn that his call is not for us to compete with other believers but to care for them.
- C. It is our love for Jesus not our zeal, ability, or success that makes us qualified to serve him.

II. CHRIST'S CALL TO FOLLOW IS COSTLY (JOHN 21:18-19)

- A. We are called to follow regardless of past failures or future costs.
- B. No matter how difficult the hand is that God deals us, He wants to focus on following Him.

III. CHRIST'S CALL TO FOLLOW IS INCOMPARABLE (JOHN 21:20-23)

- A. Following means that God's plan for me is absolutely unique not to be compared with others.
- B. Following Jesus requires a concentrated focus on him.



NOTES:

Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We're so glad you joined us today! We'd LOVE for you to **fill out the green Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our **teammates in a Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to **grab some food or coffee** out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our Kids on Mission classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a **faithful servant** behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're **an essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll **build friendships**, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity should never be fueled by obligation or guilt; it should be motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call Life Mission your Home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give or mail a check to our PO Box. **Thank you so much for your love & support!**

KIDS ON MISSION

Our Kids are incredibly important to us! The Kids on Mission ministry has classrooms for **newborns - 6th grade** & is passionately overseen by **Audra Napolitano**. Please visit lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walkthrough of our curriculum.

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our Junior High students (**7th & 8th graders**) worship with the adults, and then head to their class for the rest of service. We challenge them to **dig deeper into what they learned on Sunday** throughout the week.

Our **High School students** stay in the adult service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at hbarnes5@yahoo.com or **John Hawthorne** at hawthorne-john@hotmail.com

SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Do you think Peter's desire to go fishing indicates that he was perhaps giving up on following Jesus or he just wanted to go fishing to get something to eat? _____

Have you ever experienced a time in your faith where you fell away for a time or were considering it? If so, how did you get back onto the path of following Christ? _____

Why do you think Jesus kept asking Peter if he loved him? What was the relationship between Peter's love for Jesus and his call to feed Christ's sheep? _____

Jesus asked Peter to feed his sheep. How do you think God wants you to serve him? _____

Notice in **verses 18-19** the words "when you were younger . . . you wished" and "when you are older . . . where you do not wish" What is the change that will take place in Peter's life? _____

What is the biggest challenge for you in following Christ? _____

What is Jesus telling Peter with the words, "what is that to you" in **verses 22, 23**? _____

Why is comparing ourselves with other believers so unproductive and also wrong? _____

Twice in **John 21:15-22** Jesus says, "Follow me." According to this passage what does that involve? _____



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