

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

LOVING AND SERVING CHRIST
John 21:1-25

Main Thought: In John 21:1-25, we discover some principles for loving and serving Christ effectively.

1. LOVING JESUS IS AT THE HEART OF A _____ WITH HIM. (vv 15-19)

1) Loving Jesus is a result of _____ His abundant grace.

2) _____ Jesus involves feeding His sheep.

2. TO _____ CHRIST EFFECTIVELY... (vv 1-14; 20-25)

1) Realize your _____ and Christ's _____.

2) _____ His commands.

3) Be eager for _____ with Him.

4) First let Him _____ to you.

5) _____ in His sovereignty. (vv 20-25)

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read John 21:1-25 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. What do you learn about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) from this passage?

3. What do you learn about human beings/yourself from this passage?

4. What verse meant the most to you? Why?

5. What didn't you understand in the passage? What answers did you find for your questions?

6. What application(s) for your life do you take away from this passage?

Digging deeper:

7. Where are these seven disciples at this point? Why do you think they are there?

8. Compare this story with Luke 5:1-11. Why do you think Jesus might repeat this type of miracle now? What effect would it have on Peter?

9. How does Jesus' preparation of breakfast relate to what he did for them in 13:1-17?

10. What do you think Jesus wanted the disciples to learn from this object lesson by the sea?

11. Why do you think Jesus repeated the same question and charge to Peter three times? How is Peter supposed to demonstrate his love and loyalty to Jesus now? In light of 10:15, what would Jesus' shepherd image mean to Peter now?

12. What does Jesus mean by his prediction in verse 18? Why did Peter ask about John right away?

13. What is the crucial issue revealed in Jesus' response to Peter (v 22)?