

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of May 21, 2017

This Week's Focus: Jesus restores sinners to himself and transforms them into sons and daughters who love and worship God and live for his glory.

This Week's Text: John 21:15-19

"No man will steadily persevere in the discharge of his ministry unless the love of Christ shall reign in his heart." **John Calvin**

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- Why did John include chapter 21 (the epilogue) in his Gospel account?
- What was Jesus reminding Peter by the charcoal fire (John 18:18, 25; Luke 22:55), asking him the same question three times, and addressing him as "Simon, son of John"?
- Like with Peter, has God humbled you by reminding you of your past sins and failures? If so, what has he taught you about yourself and about him? Is it God's intention to harm you or heal you?
- What do you think Jesus meant by his question, "[D]o you love me more than *these*?" What was Jesus teaching Peter with these three questions? Who should be the ultimate object of his (and our) love, allegiance, and devotion? How is the Holy Spirit prompting you to fill in the following blank: "Do you love Jesus more than _____?"
- How did Peter deal with his sin differently than Judas Iscariot? When you are broken over your sin, do you tend to run toward or away from Jesus' restoring love? (2 Corinthians 7:10)
- How does Jesus call Peter to love him? In response to Jesus' love for us, how do we display our love for Jesus?
- What is Jesus telling Peter about his future in verse 18? Discuss how death is not tragedy for the believer; it is glory. Read and discuss the following three ways we can bring glory to God in death.
 - We bring glory to God in our death not by denying pain but by resting in the sufficiency of God's grace and love.

- We bring glory to God in death by trusting in Christ's promise and power to raise us to glorified life forever with him.
- We bring glory to God in death by placing faith in the cross where Jesus opened his arms of love for you and conquered death.