

ALL THINGS NEW

Life Group Discussion Questions – May 7, 2023

Part 5: His Resurrection provides **Second Chances**

John 21:1-24

Act I – The plot to destroy Peter’s FAITH Luke 22:31-34

ACT II – Peter’s faith is TESTED Luke 22:32-34, 54-62

Peter’s PLEDGE, Jesus’ RESPONSE vs. 32-34

Peter’s SIFTING experience vs. 54-61; Rom. 7:15-20

Peter’s RESPONSE to failure vs. 62

Three Cs to responding to failures

CONVICTION – drawing us back to God Ephesians 4:30

CONFESSION – cleaning our heart, restoring fellowship
1 John 1:8-10; Psalm 32:1-5

CONSEQUENCES – Repairing any collateral damage
Matthew 5:23-24

ACT III – Peter’s RETURN John 21:1-24

Peter’s EAGERNESS to see Jesus vs. 7

Peter’s CONVERSATION with Jesus vs. 15-19

AGAPE = highest level of love of the *will*

PHILEO = *Friendship* love, warm affection

Peter still has ROOM to grow vs. 20-21

Luke 22:33-34 *But he said to Him, “Lord, with You I am ready to go both to prison and to death!” And He said, “I say to you, Peter, the rooster will not crow today until you have denied three times that you know Me.”*

John 21:15 *So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.”*

DISCOVER

(Read Luke 22:31-34 and John 21:15-17)

1. In a word or two, define phileo love. In a word or two, define agape love. What kind of love do you see in the story of the Good Samaritan? (see Luke 10:25-37) Jesus also teaches us to love our enemies. What kind of love is He referring to? (see Luke 6:27-28)
2. Historically speaking, how have you normally dealt with your past failures in your relationship with Jesus (and others)? Pastor Phil shared with us three Godly responses (3 “C”s) we should have. What are they? How do these three responses work to increase our respective capacities (growing in Christ)?
3. What might we choose to do instead of letting the Holy Spirit convict us? What does conviction feel like? How does conviction draw us back to the Lord? Why should we pay attention to conviction instead of letting shame and guilt rule our minds?

EXPLORE

1. Read John 21:1-7. Why was Peter so eager to get to shore? What might some have done instead of racing to Jesus? Why are we not always eager to return to our mission after failures? What holds us back from running to God for help?
2. Read Matthew 5:23-24. In a fresh understanding that conviction is from the Holy Spirit, are you now aware of a time where you can reflect back and truthfully say, “I legitimately wronged him/her?” This is confession before God, prompted by Him and not you. You have agreed with God. What will you next do with this? Why do we need to reconcile? How do both parties benefit from reconciliation?
3. Peter, in humility, didn’t say that he had (unconditional) agape love for Jesus in John 21. Jesus accepts phileo, a warm and affectionate love as a response. Jesus leaves room for us to be honest. How does Jesus take us from phileo to agape? How does the command to “Follow Me” lead to agape love for Jesus?

EXPERIENCE

1. After each question from Jesus to Peter in John 21, there was an assignment given. How does this equate to serving God? Can we sit on the sidelines and truly agape Jesus? What was Peter called to do? How might our service change as we become less capable physically and mentally?
2. Peter, in his three complete denials of Christ, had effectually betrayed Jesus. Why were his denials so final and conclusive? With regards to increasing Peter’s capacity, how would you fill-in the blank: “But God _____.” How might this be your story as well? Having failed or broken-down in your relationship with Jesus, how might He be wanting to increase your capacity? Remember, it is He who has brought you to this decision point like He did with His disciples on the walk to Emmaus. (see Luke 24:28 and Jeremiah 29:11)

PRAY

Pray... Our Gracious God and Father, thank You that we cannot out-sin Your grace and that we have received Your lovingkindness all of our days. Being made in Your image, our souls are greatly comforted knowing that You look upon us as already-perfected. This knowledge is too difficult to attain, to understand. Grow us in our capacities; that we might fulfill the destinies which You have prepared for us; for the glory of Your Great Name. Amen.

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