
"Loving & Following Jesus" - John 21:15-19

During a special breakfast with his disciples, Jesus restores fellowship with a spiritually broken Peter and calls him to a life of love & service to the Lord and the church.

Confusion & Chaos in the World & Church...

1) Sacrificially & Affectionately _____ Jesus (vv. 15-17)

Pattern of 3 Calling Us Back to John 18

Agape & Phileo – Significant?
(See Jn 3:35; 5:20; 10:17)

“more than these” (see Jn 13:37)

DO WE LOVE JESUS?
(see Gal 1:6-9; Eph 4:19; Rev 2:8)

A) Honestly Evaluate Your _____
(see Ps 139:23-24)

B) Honestly Evaluate Your _____
(see Jn 13:34-35; 1 Jn 4; Rom 12)

~ **Loving Others Means We _____ & _____**
(see 1 Pt 5:1-3; 1 Tim 3:1; Titus 2, Eph 6; Col 3)

~ **Loving Each Other Practically Influenced by _____**
(Consider the “one anothers”)

2) Be _____ thru Confession & Forgiveness (v. 17)

See Jn 13:37

While this principle calls for confession & forgiveness to experience restoration, it is focused on our everyday relationship with God. LEGALLY, we stand justified before God due to the sufficiency of Christ's sacrifice & him living forever (see Heb 9:12; om 8:33-34)

Where are we at presently...grieved by our sin (2 Cor 7:8-9) or grieving the Spirit by our sin (Eph 4:30)?

The beauty of v. 17 is the **MERCY** of God!

3) _____ Jesus No Matter the _____ (vv. 18-19)

"Peter was crucified upside down" – Eusebius (200s A.D. – Church Tradition)

Jesus has already modeled what he's calling us to (Jn 6 & 14)

Obedience carries a cost.

The Christian Experience – A Blend

Suffering Not Easy but Purposeful (1 Pt 4:12; Rom 5:3-5; Jas 1:2-4)

See 2 Cor 4:17-18

CONCLUSION – Three Questions...

Do I love Jesus?

Can I find restoration & forgiveness when I fail?

Will I follow Jesus no matter the cost?