



Rooted

South Sub Church

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Restoration and Purpose: From Failure to Founder

John 21:1-19 (NLT) [15-19 listed below]

After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I love you.” “Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him. ¹⁶Jesus repeated the question: “Simon son of John, do you love me?” “Yes, Lord,” Peter said, “you know I love you.” “Then take care of my sheep,” Jesus said. ¹⁷A third time he asked him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, “Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Then feed my sheep. ¹⁸“I tell you the truth, when you were young, you were able to do as you liked; you dressed yourself and went wherever you wanted to go. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and others will dress you and take you where you don’t want to go.” ¹⁹Jesus said this to let him know by what kind of death he would glorify God. Then Jesus told him, “Follow me.”

Sermon Summary:

Rooted is a 10-week journey through the life of the Apostle Peter, following his story as he learns to walk with Jesus. Each week, we’ll step into a defining moment of Peter’s life—his failures, his victories, his doubts, and his bold faith—and discover how God uses ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things. *Rooted* will help you grow deeper in faith, find strength in trials, and embrace the life God has called you to live. Whether you’re brand new to faith or have been walking with Christ for years, this series will ground you in truth and inspire you to live boldly for Jesus.

Ice Breaker Questions:

1. If Jesus asked you to “feed His sheep,” but it meant cooking an actual meal — what would you make?
2. What’s one small way someone has encouraged you recently that made a big difference?
3. How do you personally feel loved — through words, actions, time, or something else?
4. When was a time you felt God inviting you to serve someone unexpectedly? What happened?

Scripture Study Questions:

1. Where did the resurrected Jesus appear to His disciples in this passage?
2. Which disciple decided to go fishing, and who joined him?
3. What was the result of the disciples’ efforts after fishing all night?
4. At what time of day did Jesus appear to the disciples by the shore, and how did they respond at first?
5. What instruction did Jesus give that resulted in a miraculous catch of fish?
6. Who recognized that the man on the shore was Jesus, and how did he respond when he realized it was the Lord?



7. What did Jesus already have prepared for the disciples when they came ashore?
8. According to verse 14, how many times had Jesus appeared to His disciples since His resurrection?
9. What question did Jesus ask Peter three times, and how did Peter's responses relate to his earlier denial?
10. What command did Jesus give Peter after each affirmation of love, and what does this reveal about Peter's restored mission?

Interpretive Questions:

1. What might the disciples choice of going fishing after Jesus' resurrection reveal about their state of mind or sense of purpose at that time?
2. What does the miraculous catch of fish connect to Jesus calling Peter to follow him in Luke 5:1–11?
3. Why might Jesus have asked Peter the same question — “Do you love Me?” — three times?
4. What does Jesus' command to “Feed My sheep” reveal about His expectations for Peter's ultimate purpose in life?
5. Why do you think Jesus chose to prepare a meal and eat with His disciples after the resurrection?
6. How does Peter's emotional response to Jesus' third question (“Peter was hurt...”) reflect his personal journey from denial to restoration?

Application Questions:

1. When have you felt like giving up or going back to what's familiar instead of waiting for Jesus' direction?
2. How have you recently experienced Jesus showing up in an ordinary moment or place in your life?
3. What helps you feel close to Jesus and enjoy real fellowship with Him in your daily life?
4. What does loving Jesus look like for you right now in how you care for and serve others?
5. Where in your life do you need to experience Jesus' forgiveness and restoration like Peter did?
6. If Jesus asked you today, “Do you love Me?”, what might loving Him look like in your everyday life this week?