

John 21:15-25

The Supreme Requirement: Genuine Love for Christ

(pt. 1)

What traits defined “the greatest generation?” What were the original disciples’ shortcomings?

Lesson 4) **The Supreme Requirement for Christian Service is Genuine Love for**

and _____ to Christ.

(John 21:15a; 16a; 17a;

Jn 14:15-24; Eph. 6:24; Mt. 22:37; Rev. 2:1-5)

To help you apply God's Word this week, please review the questions/verses/songs on page 3.

For Further Reflection: *Lord help us to be doers of the Word and not just sermon connoisseurs*

What is the most important thing you heard today? How were you encouraged, challenged, and/or convicted? What do you want to study further as a result of listening to today's message?

How is one's love for Christ related to Christian living/discipleship/ministry? What is the relationship between heartfelt obedience and genuine love for Christ?

Summarize the failures and short-comings of Jesus' original band of brothers (the 11 disciples/apostles). What about Simon Peter? Why would it have been reasonable (humanly speaking) if the Master started over with new leadership during the forthcoming "church age?"

Read and then meditate on the following passages of Scripture John 21:15-17; Ephesians 6:24; Romans 8:28-29; John 14:15-17, 21, 23-24; 1 Cor. 16:22; Mt. 22:37; 1 Jn. 4:19; Lamentation 3:22-33; Revelation 2:1-5. How have you seen Matt. 10:37 applied in our own local church?

Listen to the following songs/hymns or print off the lyrics: "My Jesus, I Love Thee." "More Love to Thee." "Knowing You Jesus." What related songs would you add to my playlist?

Why is John 21:15a, 16a, 17a the ultimate spiritual diagnostic question? What are some possible warning signs that you have begun to grow cold (that you've lost your first love for Christ)?

What's the difference between sincere love and devotion to Christ and Christ's steadfast, unwavering, unflinching love?

The kind of love Christ models and calls us to is _____.

What is the relationship between learning and loving and loving and doing?

Lord Jesus, this I pray: "To see Thee more clear, follow Thee more nearly, and to love Thee more dearly, day by day." How does carefully studying the Gospel of John help us do just that?

Review the 3 lessons from last week's exposition of John 21:1-14 (see next page).

We rarely learn the lessons God wants to teach us the first time. God loves us so much (Christian) that He gives us new opportunities (often via trials) to mature us in the faith (note Heb. 12) and in the process He makes us more fruitful and useful to Him. Proud men don't know what they think they know but they think and act as if they do; (or they simply don't care that they don't know what they don't know). Note Prov. 9:7-10; Matt. 26:31-46. Talk about a time when God had to really humble you in order to make you more useful in ministry service. In view of lesson 2 from the sermon today, talk about a time when you needed to learn and relearn something God was trying to teach you. How is prayerlessness connected to self-reliance? What are some indicators that you are walking in the Spirit?

Why were the original disciples of Christ, especially Peter, such broken, crushed vessels? (Note also Luke 22:54-62). How were the formally self-confident and often proud disciples (note Matthew 26:31f; Luke 22:24-30) suddenly so sad and distraught?

What songs/hymns came to mind while listening to today's exposition of John 21:15-21?

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Sermon Outlines of John 20:11-21:14

Outline of John 20:11-18

- 1) Mary's Brokenhearted Sorrow. *(John 20:11-12)*
- 2) Mary's Grief-Stricken Blindness. *(John 20:13-15)*
- 3) Mary's Resurrected Joy *(John 20:15-18)*

Outline of John 20:19-23

- 1) Jesus Unexpected Appearance! *(John 20:19-20a)*
- 2) Cloud 9 Comfort and Joy. *(John 20:20-21a)*
- 3) The Pre-Great Commission Declaration! *(John 20:22-23)*

Outline of John 20:24-29

- 1) Resurrection Doubt(s). *(John 20:24-26a)*
- 2) Resurrection "Déjà Vu." *(John 20:26-27)*
- 3) The Climatic Confession of Faith! *(John 20:28)*
- 4) The Final Beatitude! *(John 20:29)*

John 20:30-31 messages

Note the two related sermon series, "Christ in the O.T." & "Jesus, Son of God."

3 Vitaly Important Lessons from John 21:1-14

This biblical narrative underscores:

- 1) The Historical Veracity of Christianity's Most Important Miracle. Namely, we worship and serve a risen Savior (*Jn 21:1-2, 14; Rom. 1:4; 1 Cor. 15:1f*).
- 2) The Futility of our Efforts Apart From Christ. (*John 21:3; John 15:1f; Matt. 4:18-20*)
- 3) Our Compassionate God Meets All off our Needs According to His Glorious Riches in Christ.
(John 21:4-14; Phil. 4:19; Eph. 3:16-21; 1 Pet. 5:5; Heb. 13:8; Lam. 3:22f)

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