

Date: 6/17/18
Series: The Risen Lord
Sermon Title: The Ministers of the Church
Sermon Text: John 21:15-25



GC Discussion Questions

Big Idea: Pastors love God by faithfully shepherding God's flock and obediently following him to the end.

1. Before Reading: Do you think it's possible to mess up *irreparably*? Why?
2. Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved him. Why? (Hint, see Luke 22:54-62)
3. Does Jesus's re-instatement of Peter to meaningful Christian service change your answer to our introductory question (#1)? Why?
4. What / who does the imagery of sheep in this passage refer to? Leader, after the group has identified that "sheep" stand for God's people, please ask the following:
 - a. What does Jesus direct Peter to do?
 - b. In what ways is solid Bible teaching like being fed a scrumptious meal?
 - c. Read 1 Peter 5:1-3. Discuss the additional understanding this passage gives about what pastors (aka - shepherds, elders) are to do.
5. What does the connection between loving Jesus and serving his people in the text show us about *how* we all should show that we love Jesus?
6. In a society enveloped by envy and comparison, how do Jesus's words to Peter strike you in verses 21-22?
7. Who will we pray for as a GC that is not yet part of God's flock of sheep?