

## **LIFEGROUP NOTES: JOHN 21:15-25**

*As ever, please use (or discard!) these ideas as is most suitable for your group. Don't feel you have to use everything.*

**Please read John 21:15-25**

### **For discussion:**

1. Have you ever known a time when you needed to be restored in your walk with Jesus? How had you fallen away? How were you restored?
2. See vv.15-17. "Do you love me?" Why do you think Jesus presses this question on Peter three times? What experience do you have of Jesus probing deeply into an area of sin or disobedience in your life in order to bring about real heart change? Why does a "quick-fix" never work when it comes to spiritual growth?
3. "Feed my sheep" - Jesus gives Peter the opportunity to show his love in a measurable, practical way. We show our love for Jesus when our life lines up with what He is asking us to do. What is He asking you to do? In the midst of distractions and disappointments, how can you persevere in giving your best efforts to your calling?
4. See vv.18-19: Peter had long avoided the way of the cross, but that cannot continue. Where does the cross cast its shadow over your life at the moment? Where is Jesus calling you to a love for Him that is costly? How can we encourage one another to take up our cross in a culture that everywhere encourages us to see self-indulgence as our right?
5. See vv.21-22: Where are you most tempted to make comparisons with how God is dealing with other people? Why do we do this – and with what result? Why is keeping our eyes on Jesus and following Him the only safe way?

### **In Conclusion:**

- Why do you think John ends his gospel as he does in v.25? What impression has studying John's gospel made on you? Reflect on your response to Jesus, and turn that response into praise and prayer.

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