

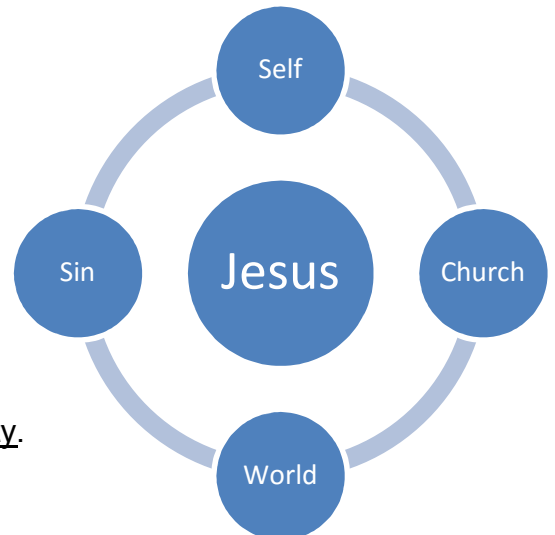
'Ah for a new man to rise in me, that the man I am may cease to be.' (Tennyson)

Simon son of John, do you truly love Me more than these? (John 21:15)

Introduction: Peter's restoration to Jesus in John 21 marks a key turning point in his spiritual life and formation, preparing him to be filled with the Holy Spirit and used by God. His relationship to Jesus needed to be restored for all other aspects of his life to be set right.

Sermon Outline: What does restoration look like?

1. In relation to Jesus - from running away to running toward.
2. In relation to Self - from pride to humility.
3. In relation to Sin - from shame to forgiveness.
4. In relation to the Church - from isolation back into community.
5. In relation to the World - from pleasing self to missional living.



Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

- What might Peter's life have been like if he had not been restored to Jesus?
- How is your view of self, your sin, the Church and the world influenced by your relationship to Christ? What symptoms of brokenness do you carry and what does restoration look like for you?
- How do you identify with Peter in John 21? What is the main lesson he teaches you?



The Forgiving, Restoring God (John 21)

Scripture Study Notes: Week Twenty-One

Key Verses: 21:15-19

The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?"

He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep.

John 21:17

Jesus' Third Appearance to the Disciples (John 21:1-14)

Jesus' Threefold Restoration of Peter (John 21:15-19)

Correcting a False Report (John 21:20-23)

Epilogue (John 21:24-25)

Personal Prayer Points from this Passage:

Questions or Insights for Discussion:

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