

# From Meetings to Mission

A post-Easter study of John 20-21



## A Guide for Spiritual Formation

Series Theme: From Meetings to Mission

Text for the Week: John 21:15-17

Message for the Week: Feeding Sheep

Theme for the Week: ???

## Week #6

### Opening:

What is one low (a bad thing) and one high (a good thing) that happened to you this past week? Write them down and take turns sharing them with the others in your group.

Where have you seen the work of the Holy Spirit in your life this past week?

What were your chores around the house growing up? What was your parents' reaction when your chores were not done?

### Preparation:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with God to center and prepare yourself for your time with God today.

### Read:

Read / Have two people in your group read [John 21:15-17](#) out loud.

[Clicking this link will bring you to multiple translations.]

As you read and/or listen to the text being read, circle, take note of, highlight, or underline what words, phrases, or ideas grabbed your attention and heart in these verses?

Write them down below and/or share them with those who are with you.

## **Respond / Reflect:**

Do you love Jesus? How do you show it? Does Jesus love you? How do you know it?

Jesus cared for the weak, the youngest, the marginalized, and the vulnerable. How do you care for them?

When you hear the word *care*, who or what comes to mind? How would you define *care*? What is important to you about how the church cares for people?

In our text for this week Jesus notes that we primarily care for people by asking them if they love Him ("Do you love me?"). Often the church expresses its care by attending to physical needs. What would happen if we focused equally on inquiring after their spiritual welfare? How often do you care about people this way?

When we get together with other believers/followers of Jesus, what do we talk about together?

What is the closet you've come to blowing it so badly that you thought God was never going to speak to you again? What did you discover about God in this experience? How have you been restored by the grace, mercy, and forgiveness of God?

Why do you think John included this story in his Gospel?

## **"Try It!"**

Who do you know that needs to be forgiven by God? What could you do this week to remind them that God is a God of grace and forgiveness?

Who do you know that needs to feel forgiven by you? What can you do today to remind them that you have forgiven them?

## **Prayer:**

Spend time in prayer with/for the other people who are with you. Pray this prayer together:

Father, thank you for raising Jesus from the dead and for providing us a future in the middle of our guilt, our grieving, our pain, and our life's messes. Thank you for the miracles you do in our life, for your daily provision, and for your willingness to forgive our failures when we come to you. Thank you for restoring our heart and soul. Thank you for using us, even in our brokenness, to care for each other, for the marginalized, the weakest, and the most vulnerable. Father, make us shepherds, caregivers like Jesus, the Good Shepherd, as we follow him. Father, Son, Spirit, we love you; we love you; we love you. In the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

## **Missional/Spiritual Practice for the Month: Eating and Drinking with Others**

During the month of June, you are encouraged to eat and drink with people that you don't know very well. It could be a neighbor, a classmate, or co-worker. Take advantage of National Doughnut Day on June 3 and treat someone(s) to a donut. Have a neighborhood popsicle or ice cream bar day. Eat at the restaurant that is closest to your house and be open to greeting and meeting new people while you are there. Experiment with different ways to eat and drink with new people.