

Do you love me? Feed my sheep.

“Lord you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”

(verse 17b)
John 21:1-19



DISCIPLESHIP

SUNDAY GOSPEL
REFLECTIONS

Adults -

In the early years, Simon Peter left everything to follow Jesus. Now, after Jesus' death on the cross Simon Peter is fishing again, and is thinking of the three times he betrayed his Lord. But, Jesus calls him again and Peter recognizes him, ready now for a permanently changed life.

1. How many of us love God with all our being and then quickly deny him when certain circumstances arise? Think of a situation when you denied Jesus. How did it make you feel? How were you able to reconcile with Jesus?
2. Peter goes from following Jesus without question, to denying him three times, to then defying government authorities to preach the truth, to then being martyred in His name. How has your relationship with Jesus been similar throughout your faith journey?
3. How do you respond when your faith is challenged or questioned? Do you quickly deny Jesus or profoundly profess your faith in him?

Obstacles of living out today's Gospel: Forgetting that discipleship requires commitment, even in the face of persecution; fear

Teens -

1. Why do you think the disciples did not recognize Jesus at the beginning of the Gospel today? Are there times that you too fail to recognize the presence of Jesus in your life?
2. Jesus invites the disciples to sit and eat breakfast with Him. He gave them bread and fish to eat. What does this show us about the kind of relationship Jesus wants to have with us? Where do we experience something similar to this each week at Mass?
3. The disciples had been fishing all night and had not caught anything. When Jesus appears to them and tells them where to cast out their nets they catch an abundance of fish. Have you ever experienced a time when you tried to do something on your own, but only succeeded when you followed God's direction?

Obstacles of living out today's Gospel: Listening to God's direction for our lives.

Children -

1. Jesus asked Peter if he loved him and when Peter said, "Yes Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus asked Peter to feed his sheep. If Jesus asked if you loved Him, how would you respond? If he said, "Feed my sheep," what would that mean to you? Who are Jesus' sheep? How can you help feed them?
2. Jesus called ordinary people to follow him and do his work. Peter was a fisherman. What are the occupations of people you know who follow Jesus? How do their occupations help promote the kingdom of God? How can students at school help promote the kingdom of God?
3. What are some of your skills or talents that you have? How can you use them to help feed Jesus' sheep.

Obstacles of Living out today's Gospel: We don't see how loving Jesus has anything to do with how we love others.