

YOU, FOLLOW HIM

Community Group Discussion Guide

John 21:15-25

Big Question: *What will following Jesus look like for you — not someone else, but you?*

1. In John 21:15-17, Jesus restores Peter through love before he gives him his assignment. What does that order — love first, then vocation — tell us about how God relates to us and how we are meant to relate to our work?
 2. Dorothy Sayers argued that the first demand Christianity makes on a carpenter is that he make good tables. What would it look like for you to treat your specific work as something done *for* Jesus rather than simply for a paycheck or career?
 3. Peter had just received a hard word about his own future — and immediately looked at John and asked "what about him?" When life gets difficult or uncertain, who or what do you tend to compare yourself to, and what does that comparison usually do to you?
 4. The sermon drew a distinction between *glimpsing* and *staring* — noticing others have a different story is normal, but fixating pulls us off course. Where in your life right now is a glimpse becoming a stare?
 5. Jesus says to Peter — emphatically — *you* follow me. Not John. You. What would it look like this week to follow Jesus faithfully in the particular life you actually have, rather than the life you sometimes wish you had?
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Close by praying for one another by name — asking God to help each person follow Jesus in the life they've been given.