

**SERMON:** A Conversation About Commitment

June 30, 2019

**SERIES:** Conversations with Jesus

**SPEAKER:** Pastor Akin

**THE GOAL:** The primary goal of a small group at Grace is to develop a Christian community where Jesus is experienced through the gospel.

**ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS:** Use these questions to explore how God is at work in our families, communities, workplaces, and church.

1. Where have you seen God at work in your life this week?
2. What temptations have you been facing this week? How is God delivering you?
3. How have you experienced God's grace this week?
4. In what ways are you growing in your love for God?
5. In what ways are you growing in your love for others?
6. Have you started or stopped something this week just because you love Jesus?

**SCRIPTURE:** John 21:1-25.

**SERMON OUTLINE:** I. God is committed to you II. Are you committed to God? III. The call to commitment

**REVIEW:** Use these questions to better understand and apply the passage/sermon.

**Observation:** as a group talk through and summarize the passage. Think through Who, What, Where, When, How, Why questions together.

**Interpretation:** answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?
2. What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?
3. What does this passage teach us about salvation/grace?
4. How does this passage point to Christ?

**Application:** answer these questions together:

1. How does this passage convict you? Encourage you? Inspire you?
2. What specific truth do you see about God (his grace? love? holiness?) and how would your life be different if you really believed it?
3. By God's grace, what commitments do you need to make this week? Or, what do you need to start obeying/believing?

**GO DEEPER:** Use these questions to go deeper into the passage, minds, and hearts.

1. In this passage we see Christ's commitment to Peter. How does it encourage you to know that God will never give up on you? That he wants to restore you?
  2. Jesus questioned Peter's commitment. "Do you love me more than \_\_\_?" What might Jesus put in the blank if he was talking to you? OR, how might you need to repent and put Jesus back on the throne of your life this week?
  3. Read Romans 12:1-2. We are called to be living sacrifices, but only from the mercies of God. How do the mercies of God motivate you to be a living sacrifice this week? OR, how might God be calling you to "feed his sheep?"
- Prayer: Thank God for his unending commitment to you. Confess your lack of commitment to God. Ask God to remind you of his mercies each day so that you can be a living sacrifice for the "sheep" of God.