

Bethany Bible Church
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God's Recall Program for Defective Disciples
John 21:1-23

Jesus powerfully & compassionately _____ Himself to discouraged disciples... again & again & again. (vv. 1-14)

Jesus lovingly _____ broken disciples to useful service. (vv. 15-19)

Jesus incisively _____ distracted disciples on following His call for them rather than wondering about what He has planned for others. (vv. 20-23)

“Don't Give Up on Jesus...Jesus Doesn't Give Up on You”

Questions for Discussion and Further Reflection

1. Why is it beneficial for us *not* to confuse God with life?
2. How does the cross of Christ speak to the fact that life is unfair?
3. According to C.S. Lewis, why is it better to *act* loving rather than trying to work up *feelings* of love?
4. Pastor Rick defines discipleship as restoring to useful service. Why then does “useful service” often result in difficulties for us?
5. Why does God more highly value conformity to the image of Christ over our comfort?
6. What tends to distract you from focusing on what God is currently calling you to do?



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Jesus powerfully &
compassionately
REVEALS Himself
to discouraged disciples.

(vv. 1-14)

"After this Jesus revealed
Himself again to the disciples
by the Sea of Tiberias, and He
revealed Himself in this way."

John 21:1

"This was the third time that
Jesus revealed Himself to the
disciples after He was raised
from the dead."

John 21:14

Jesus lovingly **RESTORES**
broken disciples.

(vv. 15-17)

Do you "love" me?

Jesus

Do you *agapao* me? You know I *phileo* you.

Do you *agapao* me? You know I *phileo* you.

Do you *phileo* me? You know I *phileo* you.

Peter

Do you "love" me?

Jesus' "Re-call"

Feed My lambs (v.15)

Tend My sheep (v.16)

Feed My sheep (v.17)

"And God gave ...
shepherds and teachers
to equip the saints
for the work of ministry, for
building up the Body of Christ..."

Ephesians 4:11-12

Jesus incisively REFOCUSSES
distracted disciples ...

(vv. 18-23)

"Peter turned and saw the disciple
whom Jesus loved following them
... and said to Jesus,
'Lord, what about this man?'"

John 21:20-21

"Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will
for him to remain until I come,
what is that to you?
You follow me!'"

John 21:22

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Up on You"

