

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Is there any significance to the fact that “Simon” derives from a Hebrew verb that means “to hear,” “to hearken” or “to heed”? (Why does Jesus call him “Simon” on this occasion?)
2. What is the purpose of Jesus’ one-on-one encounter with Peter (Luke 22:32)? What made this scene necessary? What is the likely significance of Jesus questioning Peter three times (John 13:38)?
3. How difficult is it to accept what Jesus has done with our past? Why do we struggle with the idea of complete forgiveness? Why do we insist on holding on to our baggage? What are the implications of complete forgiveness? What does acceptance of this forgiveness require?
4. The Lord is never surprised by our failures. Identify the process of restored fellowship with the Lord (Revelation 3:19-20).
5. Why three questions regarding love (1 Corinthians 13:13)? What is the Lord to be loved more than (Luke 10:27)? Why is Peter grieved by the third question?
6. What does the Lord know?
 - Psalm 44:21; 139:4
 - Psalm 69:19
 - John 7:29

- Matthew 9:4; 12:25
- Mark 12:15
- Luke 16:15
- John 10:14,27; 13:18
- John 21:17

What are the consequences if the Lord does *not* know all things (v. 17)?

7. What does love result in or how is love demonstrated? What role does love play in our response, or obedience, to the Lord?

8. What is the composition of the flock of God (vv. 15, 16)? Who is in charge of the flock?

- John 10:11
- Hebrews 13:20
- 1 Peter 5:4

How did He become the Shepherd (Acts 20:28)?

9. What are the two primary areas of delegated work within the flock? What do these areas encompass (c.f., Psalm 23)? Who is responsible for this work?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

1. I will love Jesus this week more than _____ .

2. I will serve the flock this week by . . .