

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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1 Samuel 8

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Describe the manner or circumstances of Peter's death as foretold by Jesus.
2. We can imagine the shock of having our death foretold. But discuss some ways that Peter can actually draw some comfort from this knowledge. What does this revelation mean for him at this particular time (c.f., John 13:37)?
3. How does the death of a believer glorify God (v. 19)? Why is such a death precious in the sight of the Lord (Psalm 116:15)?
4. How important is it to Peter for Jesus to say to (command) him, "Follow Me!"? What are the implications?
5. What does it take to follow Jesus (Luke 9:23-25)? What does taking up a cross mean (to what does the metaphor refer)? How are we to assess following Jesus (Luke 14:27-28)?
6. What is Peter's (natural) reaction when he sees John following them (vv. 20-21)? Can you describe a time in your life when you felt that way (or someone reacted similarly to you)?
7. Israel also played the comparison game (1 Samuel 8). To what did Israel compare themselves? How did God see it? What are some of the negative effects or consequences when we play the comparison game?

8. Differentiate between comparing yourself to someone else (or comparing them to you), as Peter did here, and looking to someone as an example (e.g., 1 Peter 5:3)? What's the critical difference? (What is the right, and wrong, way to look at others?)

9. Taking a more extended view of the passage (vv. 15-22), what are the three main responses we are to have to the Lord?
 - (1)
 - (2)
 - (3)

10. What lessons can be drawn from contrasting the lives & personalities of Peter & John?

11. As Peter actually nears the end of his life (and how does he know this), what is his goal (2 Peter 1:12-15)?

12. What is one thing you are taking away from the Gospel of John?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

1. I will follow Jesus lovingly this week by . . .

2. I will follow Jesus hopefully this week by . . .

3. I will follow Jesus faithfully this week by . . .