



15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." 16 He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." 17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. 18 Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." 19 (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me." (ESV)

1. Rethink _____ (vv.15-19)

2. Reevaluate _____ (vv.15-17)

3. Relinquish _____ (vv.18-19)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Luke 6:46**. How does this simple statement from Christ speak to the many apprehensions we have about doing what he asks of us?
2. Read **Revelation 1:12-18**. How can this description of Christ in his present "glorified" state change how we view his will for our lives?
3. Read **John 14:15-21**. How does this information from Jesus address some of the concerns that Christians often have about the deficiencies in their love for God?
4. Read **1 John 1:8-9**. Why is this such an important truth when considering our usefulness to God and his kingdom work?
5. Read **Romans 12:1-2**. What are some identifiable aspects of God's will that you have struggled to willingly follow?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

October 20th
Jer.3-4 & 2Th.3

October 21st
Jer.5-6 & 1Tim.1

October 22nd
Jer.7-8 & 1Tim.2

October 23rd
Jer.9-10 & 1Tim.3

October 24th
Jer.11-13 & 1Tim.4

October 25th
Jer.14-16 & 1Tim.5

October 26th
Jer.17-19 & 1Tim.6

October 27th
Jer.20-22 & 2Tim.1

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. # 07-17 – **Boldly Following God's Path for My Life**
Msg. # 12-34 – **Mary: God's Humble Teenager**
Msg. # 11-12 – **The King of Kings: And Some Unlikely Princes and Princesses**
Msg. # 08-08 – **Fortifying the Church to Make a Difference**
Msg. # 10-02 – **Reaching the World for Christ What it Means & Where to Start**
Msg. # 08-14 – **How to Get Eternal Life: Things that Stand in the Way**
Msg. # 08-16 – **How to Get Eternal Life: Why It's All Worth It**

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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