Sunday School Lesson

October 31, 2021

RENEWING OUR COMMITMENT
TO THE CALL

John 21:15-19

Instructor: Ralph Gordon

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November 7, 2021 (Next Week)

RETURNING TO REBUILD

Ezra 1:1-15; Nehemiah 2:17-18

Instructor: Michael McCants

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Questions for Us Today

What does it mean to be fed?

How have you been fed?

Following the commandment of Jesus to Peter, whom have <u>you</u> fed?

Sunday School Lesson Segments

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- 1. The Gospel According to John
- 2. Points of Information: John, the Apostle
- 3. Points of Information: Simon Peter
- 4. Renewing Our Commitment to the Call; John 21:15-19.

The Gospel According to John

1. Last one written. Composed in Ephesus.

2. Not Synoptic.

3. Not biographical. No genealogy.

4. Focused on the Divinity and Humanity of Jesus.

Along with his brother (James), John was called from an occupation of fishing to be a Disciple of Christ Jesus.

Matthew 4:21-22.

Along with his brother (James) and Peter, John was a member of Jesus's inner circle of Disciples. These three men accompanied Christ Jesus to the Mount of Transfiguration, to the home of Jairus (to heal his daughter) and into the Garden of Gethsemane where Our Savior prayed.

John was the only one of the Twelve Disciples present at the Crucifixion. There, at the Cross, Jesus entrusted the care of His mother (Mary) to John.

John 19:26-27.

Following his exile to the island of Patmos, John wrote the Book of Revelation.

Revelation 1:9.

Points of Information - Peter

Peter's first name was actually Simon. Jesus gave him the surname of "Peter" after the word for a stone or a rock: Aramaic = "cephas"; Greek = "petros". John 1:42. After Peter proclaimed Jesus as the Christ, Our Savior stated: "Upon this rock I will build my church." Matthew 16:18.

Points of Information - Peter

Jesus recruited Peter and his brother (Andrew) as they were out fishing with their father (Jona/John). Matthew 4:18-19; Mark 1:16-17. Peter was married. Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law. Matthew 8:14-15.

Points of Information - Peter

Peter preached a powerful sermon on the historic Day of Pentecost. Over 3,000 souls were saved. Acts 2:14-41. In Acts 3:12-26, Peter preaches again.

Points of Information – Peter

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Renewing Our Commitment to the Call

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Context

John 21:15-19

John 21:15 (NIT)

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes Lord,' he said, "You know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

Again Jesus said, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He answered "Yes, Lord, You know that I love you." Jesus said, "take care of my sheep."

The third time He said to him, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said "Feed my sheep.

"Very truly I tell you, when you were younger, you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go."

Jesus said this to indicate what kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then He said to him, "Follow me."

A prayer for today:

Lord God, Thank you for blessing me with Your mercy and Your Grace. As I aim to renew my commitment to You, please guide me with Your Holy Spirit and help me to answer Your call to serve – to feed others as Jesus has told us to do. I humbly and sincerely offer this prayer in the Name of Our Savior, Christ Jesus. Amen.

Hallelujah!

Thank you Jesus!

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