

NIV MEMORY VERSE: John 21:16

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

GOSPEL AND LETTERS OF JOHN 22-1**"LOVE IS PROVED BY SERVICE"
READ John 21:1-25**

1. Share a thought from last week's lesson.

DAY 1 – READ John 21:1-3

2. a. What had the disciples been told in Mark 16:7?
 - b. What did the disciples do while waiting?
3. Fishing is something you do quietly and, if the fish aren't biting, there's plenty of time to think. Picture Peter in the boat.
 - a. What might he remember from Luke 5:1-11?
 - b. . . . from John 13:38?
 - c. What are some of the things you do or think about when you feel the need to examine yourself or "fall back and regroup?"
 - d. Peter had seen Christ's victory but he needed to make it his victory. What encouragement is found in Isaiah 41:10?

DAY 2 – READ John 21:4-14

4. What did Jesus teach the disciples about Himself in helping them get the large catch of fish?
5. How did Peter react to John's announcement, "It is the Lord!"?
6. What did they find on shore?
7. What effort did Jesus demand?

GOSPEL AND LETTERS OF JOHN 22-2

DAY 2 (Continued) – READ John 21:4-14

8. What joy to have breakfast with Jesus, especially when He has prepared the meal! Share with your group a time of special table fellowship with other Christians.

9. What do we learn in verse 14?

DAY 3 – READ John 21:15-19

10. Compare these events in Peter's life:

	<u>Denial</u>	<u>Affirmation of Love</u>
a. Place	Luke 22:55	John 21:9
b. Repetitions	Luke 22:61	John 21:15-17

11. Love should be proved by service. What are some biblical ways we show our love for God?

12. What prophecy did Jesus make about Peter's death?

DAY 4 – READ John 21:20-23

13. a. Jesus invited Peter to walk with Him ("Follow me!"). But Peter saw John following behind and asked Jesus what question?

b. How did Jesus reply?

14. a. What principles did Jesus teach Peter in today's reading about obedience and discipleship?

b. What do you learn about comparing our calling to another's calling?

c. Remember 1 Peter 3:15. In witnessing you are told, "I know I have a lot of faults, but there are a lot more people worse than I am!" Your response?

GOSPEL AND LETTERS OF JOHN 22-3

DAY 4 (Continued) – READ John 21:20-23

15. a. Share a thought on being held responsible for the performance of your own service and not the service of others.
- b. What do we learn in Romans 14:4a?
 . . . Galatians 6:4-5?
16. What rumor did John refute?
17. What future event is clearly expected?

DAY 5 – READ John 21:24-25

18. a. Compare John 20:30,31 with John 21:25. Why isn't there a more complete description of all that Jesus said and did?
- b. What are we to do with the information we do have?
19. What has the Gospel of John meant to you personally in your growth as a Christian?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: