CONNECT QUESTIONS

- 1) How have you seen God work in your life this week?
- 2) How have you struggled to obey God's Word and live out your faith in Christ this week?
- 3) Read John 21:15-25. What is your initial response to this passage? Does a particular word or phrase stand out to you?
- 4) Jesus had previously talked about love. Look up John 13:34-35 and John 14:15. How do these verses further illuminate our passage today?
- 5) Christian tradition tells us that Peter, like Jesus, was killed through crucifixion. He gave His life obeying Jesus' command. What does this teach us about Christian leadership? Does it help us understand Jesus' command, "Follow me!"?
- 6) Take a moment to praise God, to pray for the needs of your group and our church, and to ask for God's guidance in the coming week.

Memory Passage

The third time [Jesus] said to [Simon Peter], "Simon son of John, do you love me?" . . . He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." — John 21:17 (NIV)

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Call to Worship Ana Ledesma

Songs of Praise "You Never Let Go"

"Christ Is Risen"

"Come Thou Fount"

Prayer Ashley Schiada

Announcements / Greet One Another

Sermon Pastor Travis

"Feed My Sheep"

Prayer Over New Staff

Song of Praise "The Blessing"

"Benediction Song"

Benediction

John 21:15-25 (NIV)

¹⁵ 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."

¹⁶ 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."

¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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." ¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

²⁰ Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?") ²¹ When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?"

²² Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me." ²³ Because of this, the rumor spread among the believers that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; he only said, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?"

Notes:

"Feed My Sheep"

²⁴ This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true.

²⁵ Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.