

Going deeper

John 21 is rightly described as the epilogue to John's gospel. John has told us about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and told us that all this is written that we might believe in Jesus and so have life in his name (John 20:30-31). Now in this last chapter he describes a meeting of the disciples with the resurrected Jesus by the Sea of Galilee. In this section, Jesus recommissions Peter as a leader of his people.

Read John 21:15-19

4. How has Jesus just helped to feed the disciples? (Jn. 21:5-6, 12-13)
5. Why might Peter's love for Jesus be in question? (cf. Jn. 13:37-38; 18:25-27)
6. What are the common features in all three exchanges between Jesus and Peter (vs. 15, 16, 17)?
7. Who are Jesus's sheep? What do you think Jesus means Peter to do when he tells Peter to 'feed' them? (cf. Mark 6:34)
8. What does this passage show us about the necessary characteristics and fundamental role of Christian leaders?

Now do the applying it to our lives questions...



**Week Beginning
Sunday 28th January 2018**

Growth Team News

This is the third Growth Team session of only 4 this term. We are focussing on Mark 4-6 and observing how Mark shows us that Jesus is like no-one else.



**Growing in Christ
to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever.**

No-one else provides like this

Mark 6:30-44 (page 1009)

Space to take notes on the talk

1. Jesus provides _____

2. Jesus provides _____

3. Jesus provides _____

Starter question

- ❖ What is the best dinner party / party / social event you have been to? What made it so good?

Responding to the talk

1. Was there anything in this week's talk that you found particularly nourishing or satisfying?
2. Read Mark 6:30-34
 - a. In what way did Jesus show care for his disciples?
 - b. Why are so many so keen to be with Jesus? (cf. 6:6b-15)
 - c. What does 'sheep without a shepherd mean'? (cf. Num. 27:15-18; Eze. 34:1-5, 23-24)
 - d. How does Jesus act as a 'shepherd' to them?
3. Read Mark 6:35-44
 - a. What was sensible about the disciples' suggestion in vs. 36?
 - b. Why did the disciples question Jesus's answer that they give the crowd something to eat?
 - c. Why is the mention of 'green grass' significant? (cf. Ps. 23:2)
 - d. How is God's generosity demonstrated by this miracle?
 - e. How does this show that Jesus is so special? (cf. 2 Kings 4:42-44)

You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

Applying it to our lives

9. Would you say that Christians today are 'well-fed' in terms of Christian teaching? How can we help to ensure they are?
10. How do we balance the need not to overstretch ourselves (6:31) with the need to do more than we think we have the resources for by trusting in God's provision (6:37)?