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Love Me?

Do you love me? Yes Lord, I love you. I love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. **That is easy to say. It is much harder to demonstrate. What will you do because you love me?** I will follow and obey you. I will go where you guide me. I will do what you ask of me. **You have given me a good answer.** Why is that? **You know that your love for me is not a one time and once for all decision.** Yes, I do.

You will have countless opportunities to demonstrate your love for me. How so? **You will go where you would prefer not to go. You will do what you would rather not do. You will love, follow and serve me when the road is not easy and the task is difficult. You will love and serve the unlovable because you love me. You will want to become like me because you love me.** Yes, I do. Yes, I will. **You will do for others what I have done for you.** What's that? **I took on the form of a servant. I humbled myself. I did not seek to serve. I sought to serve. I laid myself down. I poured myself out. I did not hold back. I didn't keep anything in reserve. Am I correct in thinking these things about you? Are these the things that you will do because you love me?** Yes Lord, I want to do these things. I want to live my life in this way. I want to serve like you served. I want to give like you gave. I want to love others just like you loved me. **That is very good.**

I do not count following and serving you as some big sacrifice. **Why is that?** If I did not love you, following and serving you would be a heroic and herculean sacrifice. But, I'm doing what I want to do. Loving you is the desire of my heart. Loving you motivates my wanting to follow and serve you. It is my joy to do what pleases you. It is my passionate desire to become like you. Mold and shape my life. Help me to know and do your will. Use me to accomplish your purposes and fulfill your plans. Help me to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. I pray that moment by moment and day by day my love for you will grow stronger and be demonstrated more fully as I continue to follow and serve you. **That is a very good prayer. That is a prayer that I will hear and answer.**

Lord, I love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. I will go wherever you guide me. I will do whatever you ask of me. Use me to help guard and guide others. Use me to help feed others spiritually as they walk with you on their journey of faith. Amen

Discipleship*Feed My Sheep*

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly 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 truly 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.

NIV

John 21:15-17

Discipleship*Feed My Sheep*

After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," Peter replied, "you know I love you." "Then feed my lambs," Jesus told him. Jesus repeated the question: "Simon son of John, do you love me?" "Yes, Lord," Peter said, "you know I love you." "Then take care of my sheep," Jesus said. A third time he asked him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep.

NLT

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NRSV

John 21:15-17

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When they had eaten, Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these [others do—with reasoning, intentional, spiritual devotion, as one loves the Father]? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You [that I have deep, instinctive, personal affection for You, as for a close friend]. He said to him, Feed My lambs. Again He said to him the second time, Simon, son of John, do you love Me [with reasoning, intentional, spiritual devotion, as one loves the Father]? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You [that I have a deep, instinctive, personal affection for You, as for a close friend]. He said to him, Shepherd (tend) My sheep. He said to him the third time, Simon, son of John, do you love Me [with a deep, instinctive, personal affection for Me, as for a close friend]? Peter was grieved (was saddened and hurt) that He should ask him the third time, Do you love Me? And he said to Him, Lord, You know everything; You know that I love You [that I have a deep, instinctive, personal affection for You, as for a close friend]. Jesus said to him, Feed My sheep.

AMP

John 21:15-17

Discipleship*Tend My Sheep*

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NASB

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ESV

John 21:15-17

Discipleship*Feed My Sheep*

So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, 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." He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, 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 all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep.

NKJV

John 21:15-17

Discipleship*Feed My Sheep*

After breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Master, you know I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." He then asked a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" "Yes, Master, you know I love you." Jesus said, "Shepherd my sheep." Then he said it a third time: "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was upset that he asked for the third time, "Do you love me?" so he answered, "Master, you know everything there is to know. You've got to know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep.

MSG

John 21:15-17

Discipleship*Feed My Sheep*

After breakfast Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these others?" "Yes," Peter replied, "you know I am your friend." "Then feed my lambs," Jesus told him. Jesus repeated the question: "Simon, son of John, do you really love me?" "Yes, Lord," Peter said, "you know I am your friend." "Then take care of my sheep," Jesus said. Once more he asked him, "Simon, son of John, are you even my friend?" Peter was grieved at the way Jesus asked the question this third time. "Lord, you know my heart; you know I am," he said. Jesus said, "Then feed my little sheep.

TLB

John 21:15-17

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NCV

John 21:15-17

Feed My Sheep

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Discipleship – John 21:15-17

In Context: *Read John 21*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. I will go wherever you guide me. I will do whatever you ask of me. Use me to help guard and guide others. Use me to help feed others spiritually as they walk with you on their journey of faith. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

Who has the Lord used to help feed you spiritually so you could grow strong in Him?

Who has the Lord used to help guide and guard you in your journey of faith?

How has the shepherding you have received from others been a model for you to follow?

How has your love for the Lord motivated your desire to follow and serve Him?

How has your willingness to follow and serve the Lord been tested by the circumstances of life?

How has the Lord used you to help feed the spiritual needs of others?

How has the Lord used you to help guard and guide others on their journey of faith?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Allow the Lord to use you to feed the spiritual needs of others.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will use you to help feed the spiritual needs of others.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord is using to feed the spiritual needs of others.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you allow the Lord to use you to feed the spiritual needs of others.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will allow you to use me to feed the spiritual needs of others.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how do you want to use me to feed the spiritual needs of others?
