

Study Guide for May 15th, 2011. Restored, Commissioned, Certified.

Introduction: Describe a time someone expressed renewed confidence in you.

I. A Penetrating Examination: (John 21: 15-18)

- A. With whom and in whose presence does Jesus have this interchange? Note when.
- B. What does Jesus ask Peter? How many times? Why is this significant?
- C. Why do you think Peter was hurt after the third question? (John 18:25-27)
- D. What does this passage teach us about what is necessary to serve Christ?

II. A Prophetic Exhortation: (John 21: 19-20)

- A. What will change as Peter becomes old? (See I Cor. 6:19-20)
- B. What is Jesus predicting? (Recall Matt. 26:35, John 13:37-38)
- C. Do you think Peter was still living when John wrote this? Why might that matter?
- D. What is Jesus final command to Peter? (See John 12:23-25)
- E. What specific challenges do you face in obeying that command?

III. A Practical Rebuke: (John 21: 21-23)

- A. What does Peter ask Jesus? What might be the motive for that question?
- B. How is the other disciple identified? Why might these terms be used?
- C. How does Jesus respond to Peter's inquiry? What lesson do we learn?
- D. What misunderstanding does John seem to be trying to resolve?

IV. A Personal Witness and Reflection: (John 21: 24-25)

- A. How has the theme of witness been central? (See John 1:7, 10:40-42 & 19:35)
- B. What was not told in this gospel? What can we speculate from what is left out?

Conclusion: How might you become a more faithful witness on behalf of Christ?