



This past Sunday Pastor Josh preached a message on the empty promise of settling—the idea that due to negative past experiences or personal failures, we are tempted to disqualify ourselves from continuing to believe in God’s promises for our lives and settle in ways that we’re not meant to.

FAMILY TIME

Take some time to share prayer requests and praise reports with each other and encourage folks to keep praying for each other’s prayer requests throughout the week and to believe that these will become future praise reports.

Let’s also keep praying for the refugees and for all of our summer teams. Let’s pray specifically for fundraising, as teams only have a month left to raise support!

BIBLE DISCUSSION

We will be studying the key passage from Pastor Josh’s sermon: John 21:15-23. Perhaps because Peter has just disowned Jesus, we see that Peter isn’t stepping into his identity as the rock that Jesus will build his church upon. In other words, he’s settling for a life he’s not meant for. In this text, we see how Jesus believes in Peter and begins to restore Peter to this calling.

Introduction Question: Was there ever a time when someone believed in you even when you didn’t quite believe in yourself?

See attached for a printout of the passage for your lifegroup members to take notes on.

Possible Discussion Questions:

- Recap from past Bible studies and sermons: Why might Peter be settling?
- Why does Jesus ask Peter three times if Peter loves him?
- What might Jesus asking Peter to feed his sheep mean?
- What does Jesus mean when he tells Peter to “follow me”?
- What does following Jesus mean for Peter?
- What might cause us to settle?

Reflection Question: Are there ways in which we have settled in ways we shouldn’t? What might it look like to take a step forward in following Jesus this week?

Small Group: Break up into groups of 3-4 to share about the ways we may have been settling and how we can take a step forward this week. Then pray for each other for God to help us follow him.

JOHN 21:15-23 **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?”

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