

# **WELCOME!**

## **Men's Fellowship Breakfast**

**December 4, 2020**

# **Follow Me: Lessons from the Lives of the Disciples**

**#12 – “Feed My Sheep... Follow Me”  
John 21:15-23**

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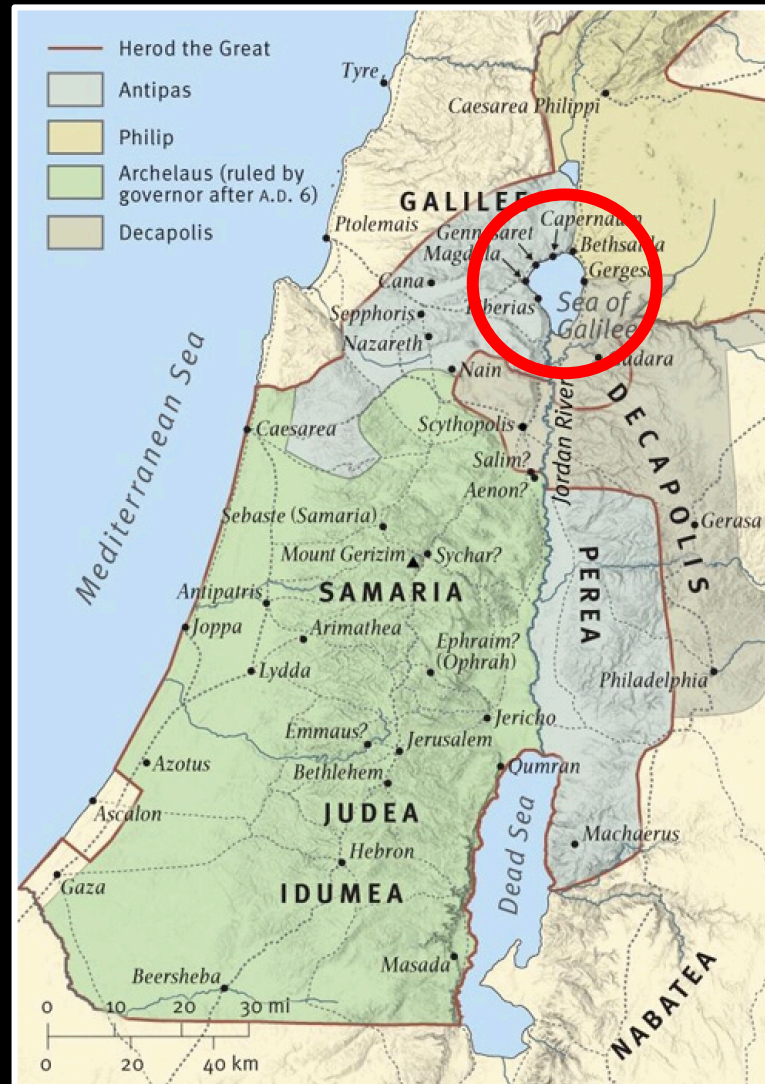
# Thesis for our Semester

**Jesus uses *ordinary* men to accomplish His *extraordinary* mission.**

# A “disciple” is called to ...

- 1) ... faith in Jesus Christ. (*Salvation*)
- 2) ... follow after Jesus Christ and obey Him. (*Sanctification*)
- 3) ... fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ and tell others about Him.  
(*Mission*)
- 4) ... family in Christ's Church (koinonia)

# Context for John 21



## John 21:15-18

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, 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.” <sup>16</sup> He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, 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 everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.”

# John 21:18-23

<sup>19</sup> (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.” <sup>20</sup> Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?” <sup>21</sup> When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?” <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!” <sup>23</sup> So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?”

# Rejection – Restoration – Response

**In order to:**

**Live on Mission (Feed My Sheep)**

**And**

**Follow Christ**



# Peter Denies Christ 3 Times

<sup>15</sup> Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, <sup>16</sup> but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup> The servant girl at the door said to Peter, “You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?” **He said, “I am not.”** <sup>18</sup> Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

<sup>25</sup> Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You also are not one of his disciples, are you?” **He denied it and said, “I am not.”** <sup>26</sup> One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” <sup>27</sup> **Peter again denied it,** and at once a rooster crowed.

# Rejection

Merriam-Webster: a. to refuse to accept, consider, submit to, take for some purpose, or use.  
b. to refuse to hear, receive, or admit

Matthew 19:16-23

<sup>16</sup> And behold, a man came up to him, saying, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” <sup>17</sup> And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” <sup>18</sup> He said to him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, <sup>19</sup> Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>20</sup> The young man said to him, “All these I have kept. What do I still lack?” <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup> When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven.

# Rejection

*To “Reject Christ” is to refuse to accept, consider, submit to, hear, or receive His WORD and TRUTH. To place another thing above God in idolatry or to remove ourselves from the altar as living sacrifices.*

The rich young ruler rejected Christ because of his wealth but replace wealth or love of money with so many other things and I see how I have rejected Christ because of my desire for popularity, respect, status, or even approval and love.

“Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a “selfish, popular, powerful, jealous, angry, successful” person enter the kingdom of heaven.”

# Rejection- Who Can Fall?

The Rock- Matthew 16:18 “And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

Who would be the last to fall away:

- Matthew 26:33 “Peter answered him, “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.”
- John 13:37-38 “Peter said to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.”

Who can fall? Who **CAN'T** fall?

# Restoration

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# Restoration

## FORGIVENESS AND RESTORATION

- Forgiveness = not being held accountable for the consequences of your sin. Jesus' righteousness being attributed to us.
- Restoration = fixing and growing. Sanctification.

Psalm 51 <sup>10</sup> "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. <sup>11</sup> Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit."

# Restoration

<sup>18</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” <sup>19</sup> (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

# Response- mission

## 1 Peter 5

<sup>2</sup>shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly...

<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup> casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.



# Response- Distraction/ Comparison

## John 21

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# Response- Follow me

Matthew 4:

<sup>18</sup> While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

John 21

19) “And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

22) “What is that to you? You follow me!”

# Discussion Questions:

- 1) In what areas do you “reject” Christ?
- 2) How can you experience forgiveness and restoration?
- 3) How can you avoid distraction/comparison as you:
  - Live on Mission
  - Follow Christ