

MEMORY VERSE: 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." John 21:15

LESSON AIM: To show the importance of following Jesus above all else.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY OUTLINE

I. JESUS QUESTIONS TO PETER: THE LOVE TEST (JOHN 21:15-17)

- 1. Where did Jesus appear to His disciples a third time after His resurrection? John 21:1, 14
- 2. What did Jesus do for His disciples when He appeared to them a third time? John 21:9, 12, 15a
- 3. What three questions and commissions did Jesus challenge Peter with? What was Jesus' motive? John 21:15-17

	QUESTION	COMMISSION
v. 15b, 15d		
v. 16a, 15c		
v. 17a, 17d		

- 4. What was Peter's response each time? John 21:15-17
 - v. 15c _____
 - v. 16b _____
 - v. 17c _____
- 5. How did Peter feel when Jesus questioned him a third time? John 21:17b
- 6. Why do you think Jesus asked Peter the same question three times? Mathew 26:30-35, 69-75
- 7. Why do you think Jesus gave Peter a second chance? What should this teach us?
- 8. What do you think Jesus meant by "more than these" as recorded in John 21:15?
- 9. What are signs that we are permitting things or person rival our love for Jesus? How can we control these rivals? Matthew 6:21, 24
- 10. How can we best demonstrate our love for Jesus?
 - John 13:34-35 _____
 - John 14:15, 23 _____
 - 1 John 4:20-21 _____

11. What do you think it means to “feed or shepherd” my sheep? Who are “the sheep”? John 10:14, 26-27

II. JESUS’ PROPHECY CONCERNING PETER (JOHN 21:18-19)

12. What did Jesus tell Peter about his former life? John 21:18a

13. What prediction did Jesus make about Peter? John 21:18b

14. What did Jesus mean about the prediction he told Peter? John 21:19a (Tradition says Peter was crucified upside down, because he felt unworthy to be crucified in the same way Jesus was.)

15. What was Jesus’ final command to Peter? Why is this command important for us today? John 21:19b, 22b

III. JESUS KEEPS PETER FOCUSED (JOHN 21:20-23)

16. What got Peter’s attention as he was talking to Jesus? John 21:20a

17. Who was the person who got Peter’s attention? John 21:20b; John 13:21-25 (It is commonly believed the person refers to John, the author of the Gospel of John.)

18. What did Peter ask Jesus about the person who got his attention during his conversation with Jesus? Why do you think so? John 21:21

19. Do you think Peter was out of line by asking about this person? Was he minding his own business? Why or why not?

20. How did Jesus correct Peter? John 21:22a

21. How did Jesus get Peter back on focus? John 21:22b

22. How would Jesus’ response to Peter later be misinterpreted? John 21:23

IV. THE CONCLUSION OF JOHN’S GOSPEL (JOHN 21:24-25)

23. As an eyewitness to Jesus and His ministry what did John do? John 21:24

v. 24a _____

v. 24b _____

24. What does John want us to know about Jesus and His ministry? John 21:24c

25. How does John remind us that his account of Jesus’ life is not intended to be full account of the activity of our Lord in the days of His earthly ministry? John 21:25

v. 25a _____

v. 25b _____

26. In summary, what was John’s purpose for writing his Gospel? John 20:30-31