

## Shepherding: Our First Priority

John 21:13 - 17

## Our Question for Today

➤ Do I love Jesus?

### John 21:13-17

Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. 14 This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

15 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.**"

16 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.**"

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.**"

## Love is the will to good

1. Warm fuzzy love – I love you because you give me a warm fuzzy feeling.
2. Warm fuzzy love wears off.
3. I chose to meet your needs because I wish good to you = lasting love that produces warm fuzzy feelings.

Jesus love for us is the will to good.

## Peter is restored

- Peter's 3 fold denial of Jesus around a camp fire
- Jesus 3 fold restoration around the campfire.
- Jesus love is propitiatory = he satisfies the wrath of God against our failures.
- Peter is being reinstated, reaffirmed as Jesus pick to lead his movement.

## How Does Jesus Want to be loved?

- Feed my lambs
- Shepherd my sheep
- Feed my sheep

John 15:12

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

## 1 Peter 5:1-6

- To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: 2Be shepherds of God's flock that is
- **under your care,**
- **servng as overseers**--not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; 3not lording it over those
- **entrusted to you,** but **being examples** to the flock. 4And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

## Three Kinds of Shepherding

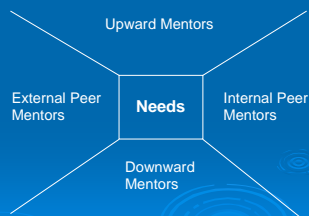
- Shepherding as care
- Shepherding as oversight
- Shepherding as mentoring

## Nine Types of Mentors/Shepherd

- **Discipler** – enables in the basics of the faith
- **Spiritual Guide** – Acct for spiritual growth
- **Coach** – Teaches a skill and motivates
- **Counselor** –perspective, timely advice, wisdom
- **Teacher** – knowledge, wisdom, vision
- **Sponsor** – influence, protection, pull
- **Contemporary Model** -
- **Historical Model** -
- **Divine Contact** – right person at right time

## Three Kinds of Mentors

- Mentors who are ahead of you
- Peer co-mentors
- Those you are helping



## Ephesians 4:11-13

11It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be

**Shepherds** and teachers,

12to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

## Katartizo

- To Pastor or Shepherd is...
  - to "Prepare" God's People to Serve
  - to "Equip"

Greek Word – Katartizo:

- to mend broken bones
- to mend the nets

## Do you love Jesus? -Shepherd His Sheep

- Who do you need to reinstate
- What are the Shepherding opportunities that exist around you?
  - Any care shepherding?
  - Any mentoring shepherding?
  - An any overseer shepherding?