**THE RISEN CHRIST REINSTATES PETER**

John 21:1-25

Key Verse 21:15 “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.’”

1. Look at Mark 16:7. What did the risen Jesus command his disciples to do and why? How do you think the disciples felt after all that had happened?

2. How did Jesus help his disciples to recognize him? (4-12; cf. Luke 5:4-7) What does this show about Jesus’ love? (Hebrews 13:8; Revelation 3:20b)

3. Why did Jesus ask Peter, “Do you love me” three times? (15-17) What does Jesus mean by “Do you love me more than these”? (15) How did Peter answer each time?

4. What did Jesus instruct Peter to do after each response? (15-17) What is the relationship between loving Jesus and feeding his lambs/sheep? (Mark 12:31-32)

5. What does Jesus’ invitation, “Follow me,” mean to Peter and us? (18-22)