

Loving God Back: by loving His people John 21.1-22

Focus: on loving God back by loving the church/one another.

Discussion:

RESOURCES:

Here is a link to a helpful study resource on this passage:

<https://bible.org/seriespage/47-what-thing-called-love-john-211-25>

2016 Annual Priority:

To establish a greater devotion to believing and being shaped by the three great loves embedded in our mission statement's goal of becoming a mature and ministering worshiper of God; love for God, love for the church, and love of neighbor.

- What was your first impression when you saw the arrangement of chairs in the worship center? What do you think was the point of that?
- Read John 21.1-22, especially 15-17. Why do you think Jesus was pressing Peter so much about Peter's love for Him? What other restorative purposes might Jesus have been trying to accomplish in Peter?
- What other scriptures would you add to these verses that teaches us the connection between loving God and loving His people (circle 1 & circle 2)?
- The sermon explored loving one another in 4 main ways: humbly, sacrificially, with forgiveness, and by spiritual feeding/encouragement. How have you seen this kind of love expressed towards you at North Wake?
- How do you think you need to love Jesus back by loving His people? How should that look in your life?
- Pray that as we walk through the upcoming sermon series on circle 2 (loving the church) that God would strengthen our ability to love Him back in this very important way.

