

I. Introduction

- A. Gospel of John - so that you might believe
- B. Come and See
 - 1. John 1:39 - Jesus to disciples
 - 2. John 1:46 - Philip to Nathaniel
 - 3. John 4:29 - Well woman to village
 - 4. John 11:34 - Lazarus family to Jesus

*Jesus calls us, throughout His Gospel, to come along and see what Jesus did so we can determine Who Jesus is. After all is said and done, He changes from "Come and see" to now that you've seen, "You follow Me."

II. Focus here (John 21:20-25)

- A. John 21:19
 - 1. Forgiven, restored and encouraged
 - 2. Follow me
- B. John 21:20-21
 - 1. Peter and looking away
 - a. First catch - depart from me, I am a sinful man... (Luke 5:8)
 - b. Water walking - began to sink (Matthew 14:30)
 - 2. What distracted Peter this time?
 - a. Heard someone behind him
 - b. Curiosity, comparison, competition, covetousness

*Remember, Jesus just did the humanly inconceivable opposite of what we would expect Him to do with Peter - not just forgiveness, but restoration.

3. Questions

- a. How many of you ...
 - 1) are thinking and focused on someone else in this room?
 - 2) are thinking about someone who needs to hear this more than you - not here, maybe here, doesn't really matter but you're focused on them?
 - 3) are concerned about someone who's been on stage (leading, baptized, choir/orch, band, etc) and are focused on them?
- b. We all have at least one superpower. It's more than a spiritual gift, it's definitely a superpower.
 - 1) We are super concerned about everybody else in the room.
 - 2) To the extent that we fail to grasp what God is trying to say to us personally right now.

*We are exactly like Peter - curious, comparing, competitive and even covetous.

**How does Jesus respond to people like this?

C. John 21:22

- 1. "Your job, Peter, is to follow Me. Not to meddle in the lives of other believers. Be careful not to take your eyes off me and start looking at other Christians."
 - a. Jesus is concerned about you and your relationship with Him first and foremost.
 - b. Distractions from Jesus include but are not limited to ...
 - 1) Ourselves (I am sinful ...)
 - 2) Circumstances
 - 3) Other believers
- 2. What Jesus doesn't mean

- a. Fishing and shepherding - called to leave a message not change hearts and minds or fix what's wrong with other believers.

**Don't let today cancel out what you learned last week. They are not contradictory, they are complementary.

- b. We cannot allow our "concern" about others distract us from following Jesus.
- c. God has a design for me and he has a design for you.

*My business is to follow Jesus!

III. So you might believe

- A. True, significant and eternal
 - 1. John bore witness
 - 2. What he communicated is true.
- B. This is enough; it's time to decide.
 - 1. Come and see
 - 2. Come and follow
 - a. Salvation
 - b. Surrender