

Back on Track

John 18:15-18, 25-27; 21:15-19

The Story . . .

We _____ Jesus

because we _____ Jesus

1. We _____ fear

2. We _____ His commands

For Further Reflection and Discussion

Opener: Who was your first friend, and how long were you friends?

How did God speak to you or work in you at church this Sunday?

Read John 18:15-18, 25-27. What does Peter deny?

What would this kind of denial look like in someone's life today?

Why do you think Peter might have done what he did?

Why do you think someone today might deny Jesus (either by their words or actions)?

Read John 21:15-19. What similarities do you see between this incident and what you just read in John 18?

How do the questions Jesus asks here address what had happened in ch. 18?

What command does Jesus give to Peter here? How is that similar to or different from what Jesus commands us to do?

What motives could people have to obey Jesus' commands *other* than love?

Why does our motivation for obedience matter? (Or does it?)

What are some common fears we need to overcome in order to faithfully follow Jesus?

How can we pray for one another?