

Jesus Restores

John 21:1-19

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BIG IDEA: Jesus restores and deploys those who recognize their own inadequacy.

I. Jesus restores us to fellowship with Him. (vv. 1-17)

A. Recognize your inadequacy

B. Receive Jesus' pursuit of fellowship with you

Shame from your inadequacies and sin push you to hide. But Jesus summons you out of hiding with the assurance of his full redemption.

Restoration results after you recognize you are completely known in all your inadequacies – yet fully loved by Jesus.

II. Jesus deploys us in ministry for Him. (vv. 15-19)

It's NOT our weaknesses and inadequacies that hinder our ministry, BUT our delusions of strength and self-adequacy that hinder.

“It is your delusions of perceived strength and maturity, which you actually lack, that have the potential to derail and ultimately destroy your ministry. This is because when you think you are strong, you think you can live independently of the grace of Jesus and the ministry of others, although you may not know this is what you are doing.” Paul Tripp, *Dangerous Calling*.

A. Motive of ministry: love (15-17)

B. Confidence in ministry: grace (18-19)

You will not be an instrument of grace until you are a recipient of grace.

Peter would later write: “cast all your anxieties on Him because He cares for you!” (1 Peter 5:7)

C. Direction in ministry: “follow me” (19)

Benediction | 1 Peter 5:10-11

10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.