



### Discussion Questions Set #1

“Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!” (John 21:18-19)

“Go to Jesus outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore.” (Hebrews 13:13)

“In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered”. (Hebrews 2:10)

In sermon, it was suggested that Jesus is revealing here that His followers are to follow Him along a path marked by disgrace and suffering, but one that leads also into His kingdom, His glory and His Father’s eternal presence.

1. Discuss the idea of Jesus as “pioneer”, including His being made “perfect through what He suffered”.
2. Discuss the significance of this dual reality pathway.
3. How might understanding this aid us in developing a realistic and resilient faith?
4. Do you think this reality is reflected strongly enough in our present understanding of what it means to follow Jesus? Do you think this was the same historically or is this a unique function of our time? How might this be especially poignant/helpful given our current circumstances?

### Discussion Questions Set #2

“Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later” (John 13:36).

In sermon, it was suggested that Jesus prevented Peter from following Him in John 13 because: (a) the path was yet unprepared, (b) the Holy Spirit was not yet given, and (c) Peter’s way of walking the path (mission and calling) was yet unclear.

1. Discuss the significance of each “preventative” measure. Think about questions like:
  - a. What does the “preventative measure” show us about Jesus?
  - b. What does the “preventative measure” show us about following Jesus?
  - c. What does the fulfillment of each “preventative measure” enable Peter/us to do?

### Discussion Questions Set #3

“Simon Peter asked him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus replied, “Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.” Peter asked, “Lord, why can’t I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” Then Jesus answered, “Will you really lay down your life for me? Very truly I tell you, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times! ... Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow ... When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.” The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.” (John 13:36-38, 18:27, 21:15-17)

In sermon, it was suggested that these combined passages show us some really important things about following Jesus, reconciliation/restoration, and mission/calling.

1. We often discuss forgiveness as followers of Jesus. How is forgiveness related to, or different from, restoration?
2. How if restoration related to mission and calling?
3. Why do you think Jesus took this moment to engage Peter in this way, rather than “just” allowing the Spirit to clear things up for Peter once He arrived? What does this teach us about Jesus’ heart for others?