

## **We Can Be Restored**

**Read:** John 21:15-19

**Main idea:** Because of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ we can have forgiveness and new life and be restored to our purpose in this life and our eternity in heaven.

**Key Verses:** “When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.”” **(21:15 ESV)**

### **Key Principles:**

- We need to be reminded of our sin in order to recognize our need for forgiveness and restoration through Jesus.
- In order to truly understand the mercy of Jesus at work in our lives, we must be confronted with our own self-righteousness and realize that we are not good enough.
- True restoration only comes when we are broken to the point that we realize our hopeless, helpless state without Christ.
- We are never restored by our own morality, rather by the mercy of Jesus.
- When we are restored through the mercy of Christ we are also commissioned to the mission of Christ.
- The gospel of God’s grace is best communicated by those who have been the recipients of God’s grace.

### **Discussion:**

1. Why is it good news for Christians that our comfort is the mercy of Christ rather than our morality? Why is it important to remember that you are not good enough?
2. Do you believe Christ’s mercy has covered your sins? How does your answer affect your daily life?
3. How has following Jesus changed your priorities? How has it changed the way you look at others?
4. How has experiencing the mercy of Christ prepared you for proclaiming it? What specific examples from your own life display Christ’s mercy?
5. Why is it good news that God is in control over suffering in your life? How has the cross made it possible for Christians to endure suffering?

### **Prayer:**

- Pray that God would remind us every day of His mercy and grace.
- Pray:
  - o For those that have heard the gospel over the last several weeks to respond.
  - o That we would be reminded that God is merciful even in our failure.
  - o That we would listen to call of God on our lives to be passionate about His mission

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- I. Find comfort in the mercy of Christ. 21:15**
  - 1. Don't be confident in your own ability.
  - 2. Be confident in Christ's atonement.
  
- II. Show concern for the people of Christ. 21:15-17**
  - 1. Restoration redirects our love. 21:15-17
  - 2. Restoration restructures our priorities. 21:15-17
  
- III. Remain committed to the cross of Christ. 21:18-19**
  - 1. You are not restored for your comfort. 21:18
  - 2. You are restored for your commission. 21:18-19

NEXT WEEK:  
**The Wisdom of the Spirit**  
1 Corinthians 2:6-16