

2021 Evening Women's Bible Study at The Cove

Workshop On How To Do My Homework The Three Questions



- **Step 1: Pray**

- **Step 2: Read the Text**

John 21:18-25

¹⁸Truly, Truly I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself, and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you and bring you where you do not wish to go. ¹⁹Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, FOLLOW ME

²⁰Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; the one who also had leaned back on His breast at the supper and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?" ²¹Peter therefore seeing him, said to Jesus, "Lord, and what about this man?"

²²Jesus said to him, 'IF I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you? YOU FOLLOW ME

²³This saying therefore went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die; yet, Jesus did NOT say to him that he would not die, but only, "IF I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you?"

²⁴This is the disciple who bears witness of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his witness is true.

²⁵And there were also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books which were written.

- **Step 3: WHAT DOES IT SAY?**

- Only the Facts Please!
- List Outstanding Facts
- Don't Get Caught Up in Details
- **DO NOT PARAPHRASE**

VERSE 18: Truly Truly I say to you. when younger you girded and walked where you wished. When you grow old you will stretch your hands and someone will bring you where you do not wish.

VERSE 19: This He said to show what kind of death he was to glorify God. He said to him FOLLOW ME.

VERSE 20: Peter turned and saw the disciple Jesus loved following them.

VERSE 21: If it's My will he stay until I return What is it to you? YOU FOLLOW ME!

VERSE 22: If I want him to stay until I come what is it to you? Follow Me.

VERSE 23: This saying went out among the brethren that disciple would not die, yet Jesus did not say.

VERSE 24: This disciple bears witness, wrote these things, and we know his witness is true.

VERSE 25: There were MANY other things Jesus did, if written in detail, even the world would not contain the books.

• **STEP 4: What Does it MEAN?**

- What are the people doing?
- That they should be
- That they shouldn't be
- IS there a command to Follow?
- Promise to Claim?
- Example to Follow?
- Ask God what I am supposed to see!



VERSE 18: Truly Truly... Jesus does not lie. He did not wait eternity to lie to us. He asks for nothing less than our lives.

VERSE 19: YOU follow Me. Rekindle time in the presence of Jesus. We all follow someone or something, Jesus asks us to follow Him.

VERSE 20: It is easy to be jealous of other people and how they are or are not following Jesus. It's easy to allow fear of past mistakes or the fear of surrendering all to Jesus to divert our focus. It's easy to get distracted when Jesus calls us away from where are comfortable to something new.

VERSE 21: We want to know what God is going to do about other people. Maybe their story, platform, influence will be better... it's easy to see people as competition then our eyes become set on a score sheet instead of Jesus.

VERSE 22: God does not tell us the stories of others. He tells us our stories. The call is for me, I AM TO FOLLOW HIM. It is easy to become obsessed with reading and singing off someone else's sheet music. My focus needs to be on Jesus... not what others are or are not doing.

VERSE 23: It is easy to cause drama, and divert focus from what Jesus said to me. I need to listen to what Jesus is saying, not what I think I hear.

VERSE 24: John is staking his reputation on the fact that what he has witnessed and recorded is true. God's Word is trustworthy.

VERSE 25: Jesus has done and is doing more than we can comprehend, see or write about. The work of Jesus is not just a one and done thing, This is not an exhaustive list, that is an impossible list to compile. Jesus is not done working. It's time we allow Him to rekindle our fire to be part of what He is doing.

- **Step 5: What Does it Mean to Me?**

- **APPLY IT!**

Now take the lessons and put them in the form of a question....

DO NOT RUSH. THIS TAKES TIME... WAIT for God to speak to you and place His finger on your heart.



VERSE 18: What causes me to doubt God's Word? Have I put stipulations on what part of my life Jesus can have and where He can and cannot lead me?

VERSE 19: When do I deliberately take time in the presence of Jesus? When was a time that I was following Jesus? Have I fallen off pace? WE all follow someone or something so who or what am I following? When will I rekindle that forward walk?

VERSE 20: When have I chosen to follow Jesus, then in a second, I'm distracted by how God is calling others, or someone else has an opinion of my call, so I bail? When has fear of what God might ask of me, prevented me from following? When have I argued with God about where He was leading.. after all I'm more comfortable in the fishing environment, or the nursing environment or soccer environment... so work within those boundaries please?

VERSE 21: When have I wanted to know what God was going to do so and so... ?
**honesty required* - DO I think that God needs to be "even" according to my description of even when He is handing out callings? When have I been distracted because I have seen someone as competition?

VERSE 22: What stipulations do I put on following Jesus? Do I have a quid pro quo for Jesus to meet and so we will follow? and when He doesn't come through the way I think He should do I leave? Do I wish my story was not my story?

VERSE 23: When have I caused drama because I assumed God said something that He did not say? Am I really listening to what God is saying? How does the Truth need to be rekindled in my life?

VERSE 24: What will I do with the truth? What have I witnessed about the transformation that Jesus had in my life? Am I willing to speak about it? What witness has God entrusted to me?

VERSE 25: What have I seen God do? When have I asked for God to show me what He is doing and where He is going?

• **STEP 6: LIVE IT OUT**

Look over all your facts...

- is there a theme? Does one verse stand out?
- Write it out.
- Hold yourself accountable to do it!
- Sign it! Date it!
- Watch God work in your life!



JESUS WANTS *#REKINDLED* TIME WITH ME DAILY

JESUS WANTS *#REKINDLED* FOCUS ON HIM

**JESUS HAS AN *#UNRESTRAINED* CALLING AND PURPOSE FOR ME AND YOU.
DIFFERENT BUT ALWAYS FULL OF THE POWER OF GOD**