WORKOUT

JOHN 21:1-25

Believe and LIVE
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

PONDER

Read and study all of John 21.
Ponder your response to all that you have studied in the gospel of John this year. John wrote so we would believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and by believing, that we would have life in His name.

- How have you grown in seeing Jesus as He has revealed Himself through His Word?
- How has your belief in Jesus deepened over the past year?
- How has your life changed as you have followed Jesus over the past year? How do you think differently? How do you worship differently? How do you walk differently? How do you speak differently?

Do you love the Lord?

- If your answer to this question is "yes," prayerfully reflect on your own life through the lens of God's Word. Consider your motivations, behaviors, attitudes, actions, thoughts, and emotions over the last week or month. How would you answer the following questions honestly before the Lord?
  - o Do you keep the Lord's commandments (14:15)?
  - o Do you love the church (13:34–35; 15:12; 21:15–17)?
  - o Have you put to death the things of the flesh? Consider sins and worldly passions and pleasures. See Colossians 3:1–10 for more.

PRAY

Pray Holistically
Read and pray John 21:24–25.

- Pray in thanksgiving for Jesus, the Word made flesh. By the incarnation, the disciples were able to see and look upon and touch "that which was from the beginning" (1 John 1:1–3).
- Pray in thanksgiving for the Word of God, the complete revelation that includes all that we need for life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3, 19).
- Pray to praise Jesus, whose works on earth were so vast that to write them all down would fill the earth.

Pray Personally
Read John 21:15–19 and pray that the Lord would continually grow your love for Him, your care for His people, and your obedience to follow Him.

- Father, thank you for the example of Peter that we have in your Word. Your grace and mercy enabled Him to see and believe that you have the words of eternal life, and it is your grace and mercy that has led me to see and believe this as well. Deepen my love for you. Guard it from growing cold. Protect me from loving the glory that comes from men more than loving your glory. Strengthen me to continually follow you, walking in step with your Spirit, because in Christ, I have died, and my life is hidden in Him.

PRACTICE

If you believe Jesus is the Lord, follow Him (21:19).

- Jesus is the revelation of God. Seek Him. *(John 1–2)*
- Jesus is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Confess your sins to Him. *(John 1:29–36)*
- Jesus is the Savior. Trust in Him. *(John 3)*
- Jesus is the living water and the bread of life. Renounce worldly pleasures and come to Him for your satisfaction. *(John 4–7)*
- Jesus is our ultimate authority. Submit to Him. *(John 5)*
- Jesus is the light of the world. Follow Him and do not walk in darkness. *(John 8–9)*
- Jesus is the good shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep. Listen to His voice. *(John 10)*
- Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. Walk in Him. *(John 13–14)*
- Jesus is the vine. Abide in Him. *(John 15)*
- Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Die to yourself; believe and live in Jesus. *(John 11; 21)*

Meditate on and praise God for these gospel realities and consider what your next step of obedience is in following Jesus. How do you need to grow? Who can help you grow?