

## Summer at Highlands

Pastor Steve Robinson | June 27 | What Does Jesus Want From Me?

### Big Idea

God desires a relationship with each of us! Even in his failure, Peter was not cast out from the presence of Jesus. He is, instead, restored and called by Jesus to shepherd those who would make up the very foundation of the church. This is what God wants for us as well.

### Let's Talk

**1. Do you love Jesus?** Peter had recently denied Jesus three times so when Jesus asked “do you love me?” three times, you have to imagine that number was not lost on Peter. Instead of reminding Peter of his failures, Jesus reminds him of the love that He has for Peter. Are you living in the love of Jesus? Or, are you living with your past and regrets in the front of your mind?

*“Simon son of John, do you love (phileo) me?” Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, “Lord, you know everything. You know that I love (phileo) you.” John 21:17a*

**2. Feeding sheep.** When God calls us to follow him, it is not just for our own benefit. We are created for communion with God and community with one another. The gospel is Good News and we are the ones called to share that good news with our neighbors and the nations. Just as Jesus calls Peter to step up to care for the people that He loves, we are all called to serve and care for one another. Are you feeding His sheep? Are you invested in advancing the Kingdom of God?

Jesus said, “Then feed my sheep.” John 21:17b

### Reflect & Respond

What are your next steps? Pastor Steve shared three steps that you can take today to grow closer to God and to make a difference in the world. **Pray** - take some time to connect with God through prayer. **Read** - After a few minutes of prayer, take 10 minutes to read your bible. Engage with scripture and consider what God might be speaking to you. **Take action** - live it out! This is your chance to apply what you are reading and what God is prompting you to do. Would you commit to spending time each day in prayer, reading, and then take action on what God tells you to do?