

# Do You Love Me?

## Luke 5:4-11

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

## John 21:1-3

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

## John 21:15-17

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love (agape) me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love (phileo) you."  
Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love (agape) me?"  
He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love (phileo) you."  
Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love (phileo) 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 (phileo) you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

### 1. Peter and Fishing

- A. It is what he did.
- B. It is what he knew.
- C. It was his back-up.

### 2. Peter and His Partners Left Everything and Followed Jesus (Luke 5:4-11)

- A. Originally the **Fish** were the Main Objective
- B. By verse 11, **Jesus** had become the Main Objective

### 3. "Do you love me more than these?" (fish?)

("Fish" represents anything that attempts to hold us back from following Jesus wholeheartedly.)

**There is a real danger to love ministry or knowledge or success more than we love God.**

We don't see the disciples fishing in Acts.

Jesus' question is still very appropriate for today's followers. **DO YOU LOVE ME?**