



April 13/14 2024
Scripture: John 21:1-19
Sermon Title: Feed My Sheep

- 1) We call ourselves resurrection people. The Scripture for this weekend is a story of Christ's resurrection appearance to his followers. What does it mean to be "Easter people"? What does this look like as we live our everyday lives?
- 2) What does "Feed my sheep" mean? What does "Follow me" mean? (Verses 15-18) In his sermon, Pastor Joel offers us something to consider about these passages:

"If our faith expression isn't breaking down walls and barriers then I don't know who we are following. It is not the person in Nazareth and Capernaum; or the one who God raised from the dead. *All God's sheep belong.*"

What is Jesus sharing in these passages with the lines "Feed my sheep" and "Follow me"? What does Pastor Joel invite us to think about in regards to Christ's invitation here?

- 3) "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." How does the Father send Jesus in his life? What do we see in Christ's life that shows us how He is sent by his Father? Knowing that, how does Christ then send *us*? (John 20:21-22)

In John 20:19-23, Easter and Pentecost arrive on the same day for some followers of Jesus, as Christ appears to them and breaths his life onto them.

- 4) Have we turned the whole death, resurrection, and life thing into a belief system? Have we made this whole thing about the *next* life instead of *this* life? How can we proclaim that the resurrection story is about *this* life and follow Jesus in this *life*?
- 5) Pastor Joel invites us to consider that Jesus is telling *us*: we are the ones to feed others. How do we do that? Discuss what being fed *and* feeding others means.

When Jesus feeds His followers in this passage, they are resurrected from fearful shepherds to faithful followers. Perhaps the only way to feed sheep is to be fed as well. To be raised by Christ and fed by Christ. Through this, we feed others.

- 6) Does your faith follow Jesus who died for you or does your faith follow the resurrected Christ who lives in you? How does your life reflect what how your faith responds to this question?