



CALLED TO CATCH AND CARE FOR

John 21: 15-21

Sunday, April 18, 2010

When Peter was invited to follow Jesus, Jesus gave His disciples this job description, “Come, follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” When Jesus assured Peter of being restored into His circle of friends, He called Peter to “Feed My lambs/My sheep.” During the time while the disciples were learning discipleship from Jesus and what the Kingdom of God was all about, Jesus was visibly present as the Good Shepherd tending His flock. But after Jesus withdrew His visible presence, “catching” people would not be enough for the church. The mission of the church would consist not only in catching, but also in feeding and leading, guiding and guarding people in their new spiritual journey.

SENT TO MIRROR THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Jesus probed Peter for that one essential requirement for apostles, for pastors and teachers, and for members of the Body of Christ: **DO YOU LOVE ME?** Jesus helped Peter focus his responses: “Do you love Me more than these?”

He might have been asking, “*Do you love Me more than these other disciples love Me?*”

This morning, how would you answer Jesus’ question?

He might have been asking, “*Do you love Me more than you love them?*”

When you gather with your family and friends, how would you answer Jesus’ question?

He might have been asking, “*Do you love Me more than you love these things, this boat & nets & fishing gear?*”

Looking at your portfolio or assets or home, how would you answer Jesus’ question?