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GC3 Partners with Local Churches for Global Mission



71

Sending
churches



206

People serving



39

Countries

Our Mission Partners



88
Outreach



31
Teaching
the Bible



25
Relief



10
Medical
work



13
Admin
support



15
Translating
the Bible



10
Aviation



10
Education



4
Resettling

Where Our Mission Partners Serve



Restricted Access
Countries (RAC)

29

Based in NZ
and regularly
travelling overseas

46

Based in
NZ working
cross-culturally

40

Partnering with Churches

- Guidance and practical support
- Commendation
- Providing a secure platform for receiving donations
- Enhancing awareness and encouraging engagement in mission
- Producing information and publications

Partnering with Missionaries

- Disbursing donations
- Providing advice and support
- Keeping in touch
- Networking with other mission agencies
- Prayer support



Daily Prayer Guide

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A YEAR OF CALLING, IDENTITY AND MISSION

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Do You Love Me?

Question: Do You Love Me?

Think of a time when you felt most loved?

When was this?

How did it affect you?

*Briefly discussion
in twos or threes*



Do You Love Me? Biblical

JOHN 21:15-19

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, **do you love me** more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, **do you love me?**” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, **do you love me?**” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” ¹⁹ (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”



Do You Love Me? Biblical

JOHN 21:15-19

*Why does Jesus repeat the questions
“Do You Love Me”?*

*Why does Jesus link love for Him with
feeding/tending His sheep?*

*How does this passage challenge common
ideas of leadership and mission?*



Do You Love Me? Biblical OBSERVATIONS

- *The Use of Different Greek Words for Love:*
 - *In the original Greek text, Jesus uses two different words for love: "agapao" (unconditional, sacrificial love) and "phileo" (brotherly love).*
 - *The first two times, Jesus asks Peter if he loves Him with "agapao" love, and Peter responds with "phileo" love.*
 - *The third time, Jesus uses "phileo," matching Peter's response.*
 - *This shift can be seen as Jesus meeting Peter where he is, acknowledging his human limitations and still commissioning him for service.*



Do You Love Me?: Biblical OBSERVATIONS

- *The Threefold Repetition:*
 - *The threefold question and command parallel Peter's three denials of Jesus.*
 - *This repetition serves as a form of restoration and forgiveness, emphasising the completeness of Peter's reinstatement.*

Do You Love Me?: Biblical OBSERVATIONS

- *Sheep and Shepherd Imagery:*
 - *Jesus' commands to "feed" and "tend" His sheep highlight the pastoral role Peter is to take on.*
 - *This imagery is rich with Old Testament connotations, where leaders are often depicted as shepherds of God's people (e.g., Psalm 23, Ezekiel 34).*

Do You Love Me?: Biblical

SUMMARY

- *The cross is central to understanding Peter's response in this passage. Peter's denial of Jesus occurred before the crucifixion, and his restoration happens after the resurrection. The cross represents the ultimate act of love and sacrifice by Jesus, which transforms Peter's understanding of love and service.*

Do You Love Me?: Biblical

SUMMARY

- *The cross signifies:*
 - *Forgiveness and Restoration: The cross is the place where Jesus bore the sins of humanity, including Peter's denials. Peter's restoration is possible because of the forgiveness offered through the cross*
 - *Sacrificial Love: The cross exemplifies the highest form of love - sacrificial and unconditional.*
 - *Cost of Discipleship: Jesus' prophecy about Peter's martyrdom (v. 18) ties directly to the cross. Just as Jesus laid down His life, Peter is called to follow in His footsteps, even to the point of death. The cross sets the standard for the cost of true discipleship*



Do You Love Me? Biblical

1 JOHN 3:16-17

¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

Do You Love Me?: Biblical OBSERVATIONS

- *Understanding "Love"*
 - *The Greek word used for love here is "agape," unconditional, sacrificial love.*
 - *True love is demonstrated through action, specifically through self-sacrifice, mirroring Christ's sacrifice on the cross.*
- *Laid Down His Life*
 - *Jesus' crucifixion highlights the ultimate act of love - Jesus willingly giving His life for humanity.*
 - *This sets a high standard for what it means to love others.*
- *We Ought to Lay Down Our Lives*
 - *We are called to emulate Christ's sacrificial love.*
 - *It challenges believers to be willing to make significant sacrifices for others.*



Do You Love Me?: Biblical

SUMMARY

- *The cross is central to understanding this passage. It represents the ultimate demonstration of love and sacrifice.*

The cross:

- **Model of Sacrificial Love:** *Jesus' death on the cross is the ultimate example of love. It sets the standard for how believers are to love one another.*
- **Basis for Christian living:** *The cross calls believers to live out their faith through tangible acts of love and service, reflecting Christ's love*
- **Challenge to Self-Centeredness:** *The cross challenges believers to move beyond self-interest and to prioritise the needs of others. It calls for a radical reorientation of values, where love for others is demonstrated through our actions*



God's Love is Our Mission

QUESTIONS

What can cause Christian service to drift away from love for Christ?

How can we guard against performance-based or self-centred ministry?

What does it look like to serve from a place of love for others in our context?



We are Called to Mission

‘Here’ where we live or
‘There’ where we go.





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Hope
for
Home
Ministries



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Love As the Foundation for Service

- Reflection: Where is my heart in my service?
- Prayer: Ask the Lord to align your heart with His love.
- Respond: What is one practical step I can take this week to ensure my service is rooted in love for Christ?



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