

**OPEN**

If you could know one thing about the future, what would it be?

**John 21:20-22**

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?” <sup>21</sup>When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!”

**DISCOVER**

Jesus uses questions to call his disciples to follow him.

Why might Peter be asking about John (“the disciple whom Jesus loved”)? See John 21:18-19.

What message is Jesus communicating to Peter with the question, “What is that to you?”

What might be a danger of Peter knowing John’s fate?

What is Jesus’ solution to avoiding comparisons? How does this help?

**DEEPEN**

Jesus uses questions to lead His hearers to a greater understanding of who He is and what He calls them to believe.

We usually think of faith being strengthened by what we know. How can the Lord use what we do not know to strengthen faith?

It has been said, “Comparison kills.” In what ways might this be true among disciples?

Why does it bother us that the Lord appears to treat his children differently?

What does this text teach us about what it means to follow Jesus?

**DELIVER**

Jesus calls His disciples to act on what He has revealed to them. The disciple responds by trusting Him to work through them in all their vocations.

What helps you stay focused on Jesus when tempted to compare your situation to others?

What would you say to someone struggling with understanding why they are going through a trial while another church member has it so easy?

In what ways has the Lord used this group to grow you in faith this semester?

**PRAY**

Share something you're thankful for and/or something you would like to see God change.

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*“Lord, in your mercy ... hear our pray.”*

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