

- I. The Great *Physician* makes *house* *calls*
- A. Jesus *initiates* with those who need *healing*
- B. He does *surgery* with His *Word*
- II. Our *healing* depends on our *response*
- A. Peter's *answers* reveal his *willingness* to be *healed*
- B. Peter's *public* *confession* brought *healing*
- III. Long-term *healing* includes *following* Him
- A. We *shepherd*
- B. We *sacrifice*

John 21:3, 6b;
Matt 16:21-23; 26:31-33,
Matt 26:40; John 18:10;
Luke 22:54-62; Mark 14:71;
John 10:11; 21:9; Mark 2:17

Mark 2:17; John 3:16;
Jer 17:9-10; Rom 3:23

Heb 4:12; Eph 6:17;
Matt 26:33; I Pet 5:5b;
Gen 3:8ff

Rev 3:20

I John 1:9; James 5:16;
Mark 2:5ff; Matt 10:32-33

Matt 8:14-15

II Pet 1:14; John 17:36-37;
Luke 14:33; John 10:10;
John 14:16

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." ¹⁷ The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love 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 you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!" ²⁰ Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?") ²¹ When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?" ²² Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me." ²³ Because of this, the rumor spread among the brothers that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; he only said, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?" ²⁴ This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true. ²⁵ Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

Care Group Questions

“House Call”

Text: John 21:15-25

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April 16, 2006

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3. How are each of the three questions that Jesus asks Peter different?
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7. How do Peter’s answers reveal a willingness to let Jesus proceed? What attitudes do they demonstrate in Peter?
8. What long-term directives does Jesus have for Peter? Would those apply to other disciples? If so, how might others obey them?
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