

Bay City Wesleyan Church  
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Sunday Morning 09-05-2021  
Conversations with Jesus -- What would you like to talk to Jesus about?  
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Series: Conversations with Jesus  
Series Big Idea and Invitation: If you could talk to Jesus, what would the topic of conversation be? For the next few weeks, weâ€™ll listen to talks Jesus shared with men and women 2000 years ago. Who knows? Maybe your topic will come up.  
Text: John 21:15-19  
Title: Breakfast on the Beach

John 21:15-19 NIV

<small><font color="#999999">15</font></small> When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

<small><font color="#999999">16</font></small> Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

<small><font color="#999999">17</font></small> 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."

<small><font color="#999999">18</font></small> Very truly I tell you, 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.

<small><font color="#999999">19</font></small> Jesus said this to indicate the kind of

death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”  
<https://bible.com/bible/111/jhn.21.15-19.NIV>

John 13:35 NLT

<font color="#999999">35</font></small> Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”  
<https://bible.com/bible/116/jhn.13.35.NLT>

Luke 9:23 NLT

<font color="#999999">23</font></small> Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.”  
<https://bible.com/bible/116/luk.9.23.NLT>

Matthew 4:19 NIV

<font color="#999999">19</font></small> “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”  
<https://matthew.bible/matthew-4-19>

Sermon in a Sentence:

When Jesus forgives and restores, he also transforms.

May I invite you to consider these questions with me?

Â· In what ways are you growing to love as Jesus loves?

Â· How can you tell you need him more today than you did yesterday?

Â· When was the last time you were flooded with compassion for a brokenhearted person? What happened?

Â· How do you know that your nature is increasingly marked by love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control?

Â· What do you see in your life that shows you’re tired of your brokenness and ready for restoration?

The Gospel is a radical solution to a catastrophic problem. Imagine if you had terminal cancer and the doctor told you all you needed to do was to “believe” in the [“effectiveness”] of the treatment. You didn’t actually have to take the treatment “just believe in it. It’s absurd. You would go to your grave “believing” in the treatment yet never having actually been treated.

I think this is the case with so much Christianity over the past hundred years or so. We’ve wanted to reduce [following Jesus] to its lowest possible threshold to the point where we simply want to know if you have made a “decision.”

The problem with this? Trusting Jesus is not a transaction. It is a [absolute and complete] abandonment of oneself to God. It is the shifting of the center of gravity from self-determination to revolving all of life around [Jesus] and his Kingdom.

Where did we ever get the idea that believing something in your head or saying that you believe in the truth of something could somehow add up to following Jesus?

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