

WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS NOW

LOVE RESTORES

John 20:15-17

Message Reflection Guide

READ Isaiah 53:4-6 Isaiah says, "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way". We stray in many ways: desiring and doing what displeases our Lord, hurting other people by our conduct, and being distracted from spending time with God and His Word because we are too busy or lack interest. We behave like sheep in the field.

Fortunately for us, we have the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for us and who carries our sorrows and our sins. And as our shepherd, He calls us back to safe pasture that we might follow Him more closely. – Lawrence Darmani

CONVERSATION STARTER

As a group watch on Youtube Brandon Lake + Chandler Moore "Fear Is Not My Future". Have everyone share a lyric that spoke to them.

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURES **Read John 20:15-17**

On Sunday Pastor Jason said that Jesus restores us and calls us to restore others.

Read John 21:4-7 Acknowledge your regrets (sin & brokenness) – Repent – Think back to the Garden of Eden and Adam and Eve. Why did they hide? How did God begin restoring them and humanity? Take some time as a group to do some quiet (silent) confession.

Read John 20 30&31 & 1 Peter 2:2 Allow Jesus to restore you – Receive – Jesus is our Savior, Sanctifier, Healer and Coming King. In what ways do you need Jesus to sanctify you and heal you right now? In what ways can being fiercely independent hinder your growth in becoming more like Jesus?

Matthew 22:37-39 (this was our series verse) Accept your call – Restore others – How is loving your neighbor an act of restoring them? What "neighbor" (friend, family member, co-worker etc..) is experiencing brokenness in their life and how do you sense the Holy Spirit is directing you to minister/serve them?

As a group share about the people on your BLESS list and pray for them.

CHALLENGE

What unrepented sin remains hidden in your life? Can you trust that Jesus will forgive and restore you despite all your sin? Are you actively engaged in walking with Jesus and pursuing holiness? Who has Jesus placed in your life so that you may be part of restoring that person to God?