

Little Shepherd

(John 21:1-17)


I. Background: The Story of Peter Being Commanded To Be The Shepherd For The Lost

(a). Teacher tells the story of Peter being commanded to be the shepherd for the lost in John 21:1-17 in interesting way. Please do not forget to include the following details:

- ~ What was Peter doing when he met Jesus in this story? (verse 3)
- ~ The fact that Peter did not catch any fish all night long (verse 3)
- ~ What Jesus asked them to give when he called out to them on the shore? (verse 5)
- ~ What was Jesus's suggestion to them for catching fish in the lake? (verse 6)
- ~ How many fish that they caught? (verse 11)
- ~ Jesus asked Peter three times to confirm as to whether he still loved Him? (verse 15-17)
- ~ When we love Jesus, we also consequently love the lost (verse 15-17)

II. Lesson From The Story of Peter Being Commanded To Be The Shepherd For The Lost


(a). Peter who was once a fisherman, called to be a fisher of men Mat. 4:18-19. Almost around three and half years Peter had been following Jesus to be the fisher of men. After Jesus being ascended to Heaven, Peter came back to his previous profession to be a fisherman. In other words, Peter denied his commitment to God's call to be the fisher of men. ► Think ourselves! Do we still commit to carry out our spiritual practices such as daily prayers, bible readings, worship God communally in the church?

 Teacher's testimony about how importance it is to maintain our spiritual commitment!

(b). God has called every believer to be the shepherd for the lost. To be the shepherd for the lost, we need to carry out the following practices:


1. Shepherds love their sheep

- Think this way, if you meet new friends that you consider being not good-looking, awful, miserable, unkind, etc. in our children church, how would you suppose to treat them?
(Teacher encourages each child in their class to get to know closely with every new comers)
- Are you happy to have many friends in our children church? What should you do to make them come back again the following Sundays, joining our church and worshipping God together with us?
- How do you express your love in terms of caring to them?

 Teacher's testimony about how do they express their love to the lost

2. Lead the sheep by personal examples

- You should have a heart to lead other people to be faithful to God through life examples. If you want your friends to be nice, you need to show to them how to be nice - If you want your friends to be graciously share their stuff with others, you need to give an example of your life being so merciful - If you want to see others being patience and self control, you need to set such good examples from your own life.

 Teacher give testimony about this matter from their own personal experience and what impacts of this practice to their life and others

- **Memory Verse: Mat 5:16** *In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.*

III. Class Creativity