

**His Time Has Come**  
**Week 4: John 21**

**John 20:30-31 (NLT)** The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

**John 21:1-14**

Where our human effort falls short, Jesus steps in, so we can be fully \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 21:15-17**

Peter experiences grace as Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ his betrayal.

Peter is handed the baton of leadership; to \_\_\_\_\_ God's church.

**Matthew 16:18 (NLT)** Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

Once we have been redeemed, the \_\_\_\_\_ starts.

Shepherds...

...provide \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 9:36 - 38 (NLT)** He felt great pity for the crowds that came, because their problems were so great and they didn't know where to go for help. They were like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, "The harvest

is so great, but the workers are so few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send out more workers for his fields."

...provide \_\_\_\_\_.

**Mark 6:34 (NLT)** A vast crowd was there as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he taught them many things.

...provide \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 10:11 - 14 (NLT)** "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will leave the sheep because they aren't his and he isn't their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. The hired hand runs away because he is merely hired and has no real concern for the sheep. "I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me.

...have genuine \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Peter 5:2 - 4 (NCV)** shepherd God's flock, for whom you are responsible. Watch over them because you want to, not because you are forced. That is how God wants it. Do it because you are happy to serve, not because you want money. Do not be like a ruler over people you are responsible for, but be good examples to them. Then when Christ, the Chief Shepherd, comes, you will get a glorious crown that will never lose its beauty.

**Final Thought and Challenge:** As a part of God's flock, He expects us to help \_\_\_\_\_ other sheep. This week look for an opportunity to be a \_\_\_\_\_ for someone.

## His Time Has Come week 4 Discussion Questions

“Once we have been redeemed, the real work starts.” Is this a common attitude among Christians today? Why or why not? What makes this concept hard to live out in your daily life? Explain.

Of the four things scripture describes that shepherds do, which one have you experienced the most from someone else in your faith journey? How has it helped you? Which one is easiest for you to do for others? Which one is the hardest for you to do for others? Explain.

Read John 21:1-14. This section has many cross references to passages and concepts given earlier in the gospel (several were already given during the message). Look at the additional passages and how they connect to this story.

The seamless net didn't rip when it should have – John 19:23-24.  
This prophesy from psalm 22 is believed to also link to Jesus prayer in John 17:20-21 for unity (seamless) among the Christian community (things closest to Jesus) his seamless undergarment.

Obedience of the disciples to cast the net on the other side of the boat - John 4:34-38, gathering a miraculous harvest of more than just fish.

Removing of the tunic to work - John 13:4-5, we work through humble service.

What overall concept does all of this point to? (answer: Unity in the Christian community only happens through Christ, when we all work together through obedience and service.) How does this concept apply to and help with the job of being a shepherd for others? Explain.

Read John 21:18-25. What do you see from these verses (and other interactions throughout the gospel) about the relationship between Peter and John? Why do you think they had this competitive tension? Jesus' response to Peter about the comparison is “Follow me.” Explain the implications of this command. How can Jesus' command to Peter apply to our lives, especially when tempted to compare ourselves to others?