**Leader notes for “If you love me, Follow me.” April 12, 2015**

**John 21**

**1. When did you first start following Jesus? What motivated you to follow Him?**

**2. In John 21:1 and 21:14, the Bible says that Jesus revealed himself to his disciples. How did Jesus reveal himself to his disciples?** (Through an amazing blessing on their fishing business). **How has Jesus revealed himself to you in your work situation?**

**3. Are you more like John (the discerner) or Peter (prone to act first)?**

**4. Who could you meet for breakfast to talk about Jesus with?**

5. Pastor Perry shared that John 21 has been an important text in his life that God has used to speak to him about direction in life and ministry. **What biblical text has God used in your life to give you direction or encouragement? Do you have a life verse?**

**6. Has there ever been a time of great despair in your life after a huge failure like Peter experienced after he denied Jesus three times? How did you find forgiveness from Jesus, and ability to forgive yourself?**

**7. What is the distinguishing characteristic of Jesus followers?**  (Love for Jesus.)

**8. What are some evidences of the way you love Jesus?**

9. Love brought Peter a task. Jesus said, “If you love me, feed my lambs. Take care of my sheep.” **How do you sense God calling you to caring for others and discipling them? What other tasks does love for Jesus lead you to do?**

**10. Do you tend to compare yourself to other people? What do comparisons lead to?** (Jealousy, criticism, sense of inferiority, not using the gifts we have, etc.)

**11. Which of the two images do you feel God is calling you to do more of: fishing for Jesus or taking care of His sheep?**

**12. If you were to take the next step in following Jesus, what would that look like?** (Repentance, baptism, greater prayer, teaching children, full time Christian ministry, etc.) **What fears/barriers are there to taking the next step? How can we support you in taking the next step as a life group?**