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Restoration and Focus

John 21:15-25

What should separate Christian ministry from the best of the world's justice advocates is not what we do, but why we do it. We humbly serve others first and foremost because of our _____ to _____.

Discussion 1. A Christ follower humbly serves others not merely out of love for those others, but out of love for Jesus. Why is that distinction important? How might those two different motives sometimes result in two different outcomes?

Spiritual restoration is not a promise of health or prosperity or even success (by the world's standards); indeed, the abundant life that follows spiritual restoration includes struggle and hardship. If you want easy, _____ Jesus.

Discussion 2. Why is it such a dangerous thing to teach that following Jesus will bring worldly success, an easy life and health/wealth? How does understanding up front that the road will be difficult help us maintain a right spiritual focus?

Our spiritual restoration almost certainly will include a community aspect; but it may require _____ to our relationships within that community or even a new community altogether. Following Jesus brings changes that way.

Discussion 3. When you began following Jesus, how did relationships in your life change? Did you change entire communities? Looking back, why were those changes necessary?

Our spiritual restoration is not dependent upon how much we know about Jesus nor about the Bible nor even about God. It is strictly about our _____ in who Jesus is and about our decision to follow him.

Discussion 4. How much did you know about Jesus and the Bible when you first became a believer? Was it enough? Why or why not?