

First Encounter #6

Submission

Word

Scripture Reference

John 21:15-22

Discussion Questions

1. Have you been in a situation when you found it difficult to yield to another person's decision? Share your experience with the group.
2. What is the difference between submission and obedience? Discuss what aspect of our human nature makes it difficult for us to submit to authority?
3. Read John 21:15-22. We find in this passage Jesus spending time with His disciples after His resurrection. In verses 15-17 Jesus asks Peter, "Do you love me?" three times. Based on what the Scriptures tell us about Peter's personality, what do you think was Jesus' purpose for asking Peter the same question? What do you think was Jesus trying to imply with His responses?
4. Our passage teaches us three principles involved in fully submitting our lives to God. The first principle is that submission involves commitment. It is not a one-time act; it is a lifestyle. What is one area of your life that God is "constantly asking you" to commit to Him as a form of your submission? Are you responding to His call of submission? How can you overcome the obstacles hindering you from submitting to God so that you can accomplish what He wants for your life?
5. After telling Peter that he was going to die by crucifixion, Jesus called Peter to follow Him (v. 18-19). We see from this passage that submission to God is not an easy decision because it involves giving up what you value the most. It involves sacrifice. Is there anything or anyone in your life that is precious to you? How would you feel if

you were asked to give them up? Is there anything in your life that God might be asking you to give up right now to show your submission to His will? How have you responded?

6. In verses 20-21, Peter seems to imply that he expected John to have the same fate as he did. Like Peter, we tend to compare our life with others. Our decisions are based on how we see other people's lives or what they might think about our lives. But Jesus' response to Peter teaches us clearly that that submission to God involves a personal decision (v. 22). As a child of God you are not called to compare yourself with other people or to seek their approval. What areas of your life do you often find yourself comparing to others? How have the people around you affected your decisions, especially in matters that involve your own submission to God? How do you think would God want you to handle such matters?

Walk

When you decided to entrust your eternal security to Jesus, you acknowledged that He is Lord over your life. Is your lifestyle proclaiming to the world that you believe in a sovereign God? Does your life of submission involve the commitment, sacrifice, and personal decision to serve that sovereign God, especially in the church?

Worship & Prayer

Join the Corporate Prayer Time every Friday, 7:15-8:00pm at the Balcony

Pray for...

- God's people to submit fully to the Lord and obey His commands faithfully.
- Blessings for the RELAX retreat to serve God's purpose in the lives of the singles.
- Protection for MU (5 months pregnant mom with unborn twins) confined in ICU.
- Thanksgiving for Dr. Paul Tan's successful surgery; pray for his full recovery.
- Salvation and healing for Ang Chu Lan and Mr. Dy-Lin. Cancer patients: LG, FW, Segundo Yu, Anabelle Uytengsu, Anita Yao, Mrs. Magbitang, Ver Garrido.