

Eucharistic Homily

John 21

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More than almost any other, the story of Peter's fall and restoration shows us just how deeply personal and relational the gospel really is.

Jesus welcomes Peter and the other disciples back into fellowship by gathering them around a fire and serving them a meal. Jesus undoes Peter's threefold denial by giving him the opportunity to make a threefold affirmation of his love. Jesus reaffirms Peter's usefulness in the kingdom by charging him to care for God's people.

Jesus assures us that we're forgiven and restored to fellowship in very much the same way. Every Lord's Day, Jesus calls us to gather with His people, to confess our sins, reaffirm our love for Him, and eat a meal together with Him. Every Lord's Day, Jesus pronounces His blessing upon us and commissions us again to follow Him.

If we ever get tired of "going through the motions" of worship, it's probably because we've lost sight of our need for God's grace or because we've forgotten the very surprising way that Jesus forgives and restores sinners.

If you've been baptized into Christ and are seeking to live faithfully and obediently for Him, you are invited to taste and see the grace and forgiveness of Jesus. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

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