

## Follow Me!

## John 21:18-25

*Going Beyond* the sermon into Scripture preached by Pastor Peter Oh on May 27, 2018

### ***Entering In:***

*Share an experience of a time when your good ending made the whole event beautiful and memorable even though your beginning wasn't so good (such as in your job, events, class, trip, conversation, etc.).*

1. Reflecting on Jesus' ministries from beginning to end, what is the most important for you personally, and why?

- Being born as a human
- Proclaiming about God's kingdom
- Preaching the good news
- Healing the sick and feeding the poor
- Performing miracles
- Redeeming the price of our sins
- Forgiving our sins
- Rising from the dead
- Preparing our place in heaven
- Praying for believers
- Building his church
- Sending the Holy Spirit
- Other

Pastor argued in the sermon that the purpose of Jesus' 3-year ministry and 40-day stay after the resurrection on earth was to build his church. How convinced are you about this? What other explanation(s) do you have?

2. The Greek in verse 18 could be literally translated, "Amen, amen, I tell you". This formula is unique to John's Gospel. From your study of this Gospel, what is the significance of beginning a statement this way?

What two things are going to be different from Peter's earlier life in his future life?

What is Jesus telling Peter by this? [Note that the Greek word for "being dressed" may mean "being bound or fastened."]

How is Peter's earlier bold promise to "lay down his life" for Jesus related to Jesus' prediction in John 21:18? [cf. John 13:36-38]

3. How does death, the curse brought into the world because of sin, glorify God?

Later Peter wrote about suffering and the glory of God in 1 Peter 4:12-14. How will your death glorify God?

4. What was Jesus' question to Peter (and to all of us) before he commanded Peter to "Follow me"?

Why do you think that question (vv.15, 16, 17) is important before we follow Jesus?

When Jesus commands Peter, “Follow me”, what is ultimately implied in that command?  
[Note that “follow me” is a present imperative in Greek, which means, “Keep on following me.”]

5. Having heard this prophecy about his future, what did Peter want to know?

Why do you think Peter asked Jesus about this?

What did Jesus tell Peter a second time in response to his question?

What makes us compare ourselves to others when something we think is undesirable happens to us?

7. What “false teaching” (rumor) spread because of this encounter?

What was the intent of what Jesus actually said about John?

Why/how do you think this got distorted?

Can you think of something that some Christians claim is true that is actually an embellishment on what Jesus actually taught?

Why is teaching that is partially (but not entirely) true so dangerous?

How does the church go about correcting such false teaching?

8. How is the final verse related with the prologue (John 1:18)?

In what ways does the final verse make you humble and thankful?

***Living It Out:***

*Pray that you may be faithful to your calling to Christ's church.*

