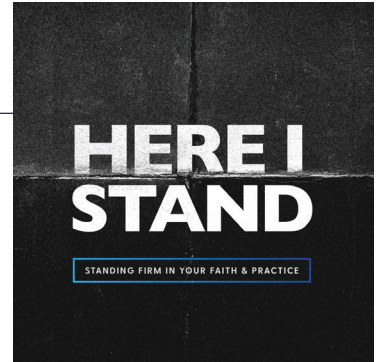


MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

DO YOU LOVE ME? // SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020

In his message, Marty Grubbs talked about showing love in the Church family. He discussed Peter's denial of Jesus after emphatically declaring he would die before ever disowning Jesus. After Jesus restores Peter, he tells him to take care of his sheep ... the Church.



DISCUSSION/REFLECTION:

Jesus tried to prepare his disciples for his crucifixion and the upcoming hardships. Why do you think it was so hard for the disciples to wrap their minds around that idea?

Read Mark 14:27-31. Do you think you would have responded the same as Peter? If not, how would you have responded?

When do you find you are most bold in your faith?

Reflect on Mark 14:66-72. Why do you think, after so boldly proclaiming his allegiance, that Peter failed with such profound flair?

When are you tempted to hide your commitment to Christ? Why do we do this?

Read John 21:15-17. Jesus asked Peter about his devotion to him three times—a direct connection to the three denials of Peter. How do Jesus questions both challenge Peter and encourage him?

Jesus connected love for Him with the actions of the believer. It's not that these actions can save us – they cannot. But these actions are evidence of our genuine faith. Are you encouraged by this based upon your involvement in serving others in the name of Christ? Or are you challenged to get more involved?

Application: What is one thing you will do differently because of this message?

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for our church, Crossings Community Church. We thank you for those who came before us and, through humble service and generosity, gave this church its start.

We ask for your continued guidance and blessing as we begin this new season of ministry. People are afraid, lonely, worried, and unsure of the future. Thank you for sending Jesus to love us, and free us to be all that you have created us to be. Thank you for bringing out the best in us, forgiving us, equipping us, and using us to encourage and love others as you have loved us.

You have called us to live by faith, be a voice of hope, and be known by love. To this great calling we bring you the best of all we have and all we are. In Jesus name we ask these things, Amen.