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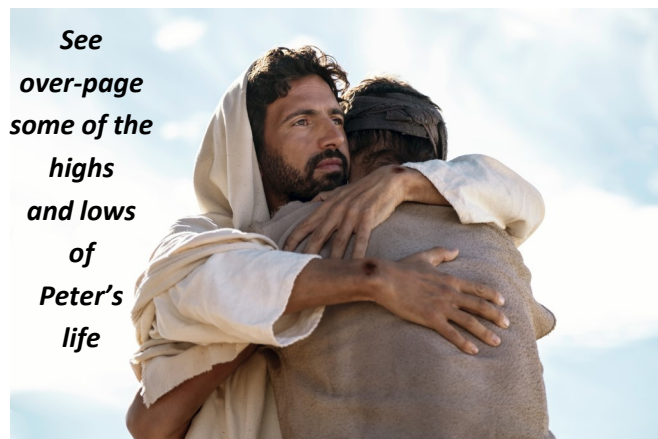
Dear friends

Do you love me?

What a question to ask someone—Do you love me?

Yet this is the biggest question Jesus asks us all. Jesus whole purpose was to draw people into his love—that love he knew through God, his Father. That love is God's very essence and if we miss out then we miss out on the heartbeat of all life.

Peter has let Jesus down badly when Jesus was arrested where three times Peter said he didn't know Jesus—yet Jesus didn't give up on him.



Jesus didn't just forgive Peter—he gave him a big challenge as his follower. We 21st century followers can expect just the same love and responsibility.

May you know God's love in all its fullness

weekly message

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "**Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?**"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "**Feed my lambs.**"

Again Jesus said, "**Simon son of John, do you love me?**" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "**Take care of my sheep.**"

The third time he said to him, "**Simon son of John, do you love me?**"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "**Feed my sheep.**"

John 21 verse 12-14

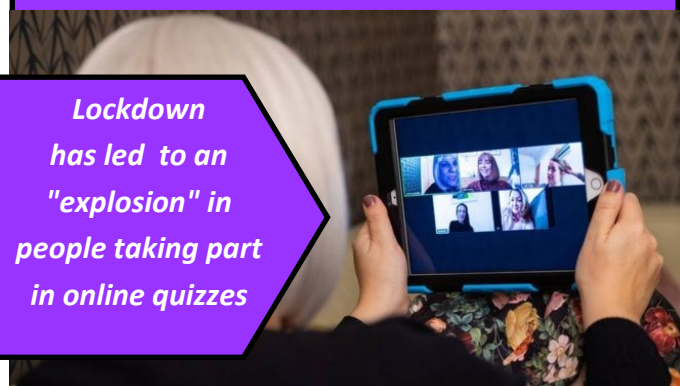
Opportunity to meet up and take part in
Meadowbank Zoom Quiz
7.30-8.10pm Tuesday 12 May

4 rounds of not-too-serious questions set by Susan McLarty who enjoys church quizzes.

All you need is paper + a pen or pencil.

Email Russell if you want to take part and he will send you the Zoom link.

Lockdown has led to an "explosion" in people taking part in online quizzes



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Peter — a complicated character

maybe that's why people can relate to him with his successes and his failures

SUCCESSSES

Chosen as one of Jesus' apostles
Matt. 10:2

Walks to Jesus on the water
Matt. 14:29

Confesses that Jesus is the Messiah, which is the foundation of the church *Matt. 16:15–19*

Witnesses the transfiguration
Matt. 17:1–8

Vows never to fall away and to die with Jesus if necessary *Matt. 26:33,35*

Shares intimate moment with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane
Matt. 26:36–38

Follows Jesus after his arrest while the other disciples flee *Matt. 26:58*

Witnesses the risen Lord separately
Luke 24:34; 1 Cor. 15:5

Reinstated by Jesus after his denial
John 21:15–19

Gives the first sermon and 3,000 people believe *Acts 2:14–41*

Heals and raises the dead
Acts 3:1–10; 5:12–16; 9:34,39–40

Proclaims Christ even after being imprisoned for preaching
Acts 4:1–11, 19–20

Assists Samaritans in receiving the Holy Spirit *Acts 8:14–17*

Preaches to Gentiles, and they receive the Holy Spirit *Acts 10:27–28, 34–35, 44*

Acknowledges that both Jews and Gentiles are saved by grace *Acts 15:5–11*

Writes two epistles: 1 and 2 Peter

FAILURES

Loses faith while walking on the water and almost drowns *Matt. 14:30*

Rebukes Jesus when he predicts his death *Matt. 16:21–23*

Initially refuses to let Jesus wash his feet *John 13:8*

Falls asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane *Matt. 26:40–41*

Tries to protect Jesus and cuts off Malchus's ear
Luke 22:50–51; John 18:10

Denies Jesus three times
Matt. 26:69–75

Doesn't immediately believe when he sees the empty tomb
Luke 24:11–12; John 20:6–7, 9

Questions the vision of the unclean animals despite clear instructions from the Lord *Acts 10:13–14*

Leads Jews astray by separating from Gentiles *Gal. 2:11–13*



It is amazing how God works with our weaknesses as well as our strengths!

In each of these situations think of what quality is Peter showing—is it fear or faith, pride or humility, denial or acceptance? How do these play out in your life?