

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from June 21-22, 2003

"The Beloved Disciple"

The Gospel of John

Observing the text

According to John 21:15-24, who wrote the fourth gospel?

Who is likely the disciple that loved Jesus based on John 13:21-30; 19:26-27; 20:2-5; 21:7 and 21:15-24?

Why would the author of the fourth gospel refer to himself in this way?

Applying the sermon

Is the way you relate to your friends or spouse more about your own personal creature comforts or about maintaining and nurturing a deep interpersonal relationship?

Does your pursuit of holiness have more to do with avoiding pain or is it more about getting to know Christ better?

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Do you feel so special to Jesus that you could refer to yourself in a letter to a friend as "the disciple whom Jesus loved?"

If you consistently found yourself overwhelmed by the love of Christ, how would this impact your life?