

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION & GROUP DISCUSSION

Christ for you, in you and through you
(understanding Christian love - a study of the Apostle Peter)

For starters

Describe one incident from one of the 3 synoptic gospels that gives insight into Peter's character?

How would you describe Peter as a person?

Why do you think he became the leader of the apostles?

Read John 13:1-11

Why do you think Peter didn't want Jesus to wash his feet?

Read John 13:12-20

How much do you think the disciples understood of what Jesus had done to them? (v12-20)

Read John 13:34-35

Given the O. T. command "love your neighbour, as yourself", what is so new about this command?

Do you think that Christians today can be recognised by their obedience to this command?

Read John 21:15-17

What do you think Jesus was trying to teach Peter through this repetitive questioning?

Read John 21:18-22

Can you think of a recent time when you have responded as Peter did here?

Summing up

- i) what changes took place in Peter through his relationship with Jesus?
- ii) how did he remain the same?
- iii) what do you think were the key steps in the process of change in him?

Application

What would you say that Jesus has done -

i) for you?

ii) in you?

iii) through you?