



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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John 21:15-16

Read and Listen to “[*Unexpected Surprises*](#)”

[Cowboy Tales From Roaring Rapids Ranch](#)

Class Starter or Closer Discussion Questions

1. Jake carefully waits until he is ready to provide for Mary before telling her his dreams of marriage and a ranch of their own.

Why is real love often shown through responsibility and sacrifice instead of just words and feelings?

How can planning to care for others wisely and faithfully show genuine love for them?

2. Mary dreams not only of marriage, but also of giving orphaned children a loving home and family.

Why do loving people often think about helping others in addition to helping themselves?

How can caring for children, families, and those in need reflect the kind of love Jesus taught His followers to show?

3. Jesus told Peter not only to feed His sheep, but also to tend them with continuing care and responsibility.

Why is caring for people often more difficult than simply helping them once?

What does tending others teach us about patience, commitment, and faithful love over time?

4. Old Man Caldwell gladly gives Jake permission to marry Mary because he trusts Jake's character and the way he treats others.

Why is a person's character often more important than wealth or success?

How do everyday actions slowly build trust and show whether someone is ready to care for others faithfully?

5. Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?" before giving him the responsibility of caring for His sheep.

Why does true service for others begin with love and not merely duty?

How can love for God influence the way we care for family members, friends, neighbors, and people in need?