

July 2, 2023

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ Song

■ Song

■ **Scripture Reading** - 1 Peter 3:8–12

■ **Offertory Prayer**

■ Song

■ **Confession / Lord's Supper**

Holy God, We have sinned times without number

We have been guilty of pride and unbelief

We have not loved those around us as you command

nor have we loved you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength

Forgive us Lord

Forgive us for failing to seek you in your Word

and for neglecting times of prayer

Forgive us for lustful thoughts and for holding on to unforgiveness

Change us, Lord, by your Holy Spirit and give us a deeper desire to

walk with you and to serve others in your Name!

Thank you Lord,

That despite our sins there is forgiveness in Christ

Thank you that He went to the cross in the place of His people

to take away our guilt and all our shame

Thank you that, for the one who looks to you

there is assurance of grace and the promise of peace in your Name.

By faith in Jesus our Savior, we come to you.

■ Song

■ **Message** - "Above All, Follow Jesus" - John 21:20-25 -

Pastor Scott

■ **Closing Song**

■ **Benediction**

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**This Week's Fighter Verse: Feed Your Soul by**  
**Memorizing Scripture!** Each week's '*Fighter Verse*' is meant to help you "fight the good fight" of faith. This week we repeat John 20:31 that tells us why John wrote his Gospel

### **John 20:31**

But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

## *That the Next Generation Might Know*

Introduction to children's ministry

SATURDAY, JULY 15 | 9:30-11:00 AM

We are recruiting for the new Sunday School year. Teaching children is a joy many miss out on for all the wrong reasons. Some overestimate the difficulty. Others underestimate the value. We hope this brief introduction to children's ministry at Rockport will help you see the spiritual impact of this work and realize that, by God's grace, you (yes, you!) can help kids encounter Jesus through his Word. Men and women, old and young, all are invited. Coffee and pastries will be provided. Save the date. If you have questions, speak with Pastor Warren or Pastor Kyle.

"Above All, Follow Jesus"

John 21:20-25

I. A disciple of Christ has one central calling: "\_\_\_\_\_"  
vv19-22

- When Peter turns to see John, what is he doing? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ is introduced through a flashback of John 13:21-25  
Why?

1) To remind us of John's close relationship with \_\_\_\_\_

2) To remind us of John's close friendship with \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus commands Peter to follow him, but what does Peter do?

Beware of \_\_\_\_\_ yourself to others! Just follow Christ!

II. We can't let ourselves be distracted by non-\_\_\_\_\_ issues  
vv22-23 "Crucial" = \_\_\_\_\_ -shaped Lk 9:23

1) Any obsession that turns your eyes away from \_\_\_\_\_  
is non-crucial

- 1 Cor 10:31

- What is Peter rebuked for in v22?

2) The distraction of a \_\_\_\_\_ verse vv22-23  
The misplaced focus of speculative theology

III. We can rely on the faithful, eyewitness testimony of \_\_\_\_\_  
vv24-25 John identifies himself and tells us three things

(1) He, the author is an \_\_\_\_\_ to the things Jesus said  
and did Jn 19:35 ; 1 Jn 1:1-4

(2) He himself is the one who \_\_\_\_\_  
Jn 14:26

(3) This is a \_\_\_\_\_ and faithful account of the things Jesus said  
and did

- Who is the "we" in v 24?

- What is John's point in v25?

Final Invitation - John 20:30-31

## THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

### SUNDAY - July 2

Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:30 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:40 AM

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Today's Greeters - Kyle Davis & Mark Stoner

Today's Tellers - Herman Meyer & Cindy Boehm

Today's Nursery - Kim Lee & Ruthie Jackson

Please note: Nursery care during worship is for children up through age 2

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### Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....\$5,263.00

May Weekly Average.....\$5,520.31

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE RETURN **ALL** BABY BOTTLES - EMPTY OR FULL  
**Only 6 to go!**

- **SUNDAY, July 2** - First Sunday Fellowship
- **WEDNESDAY, July 5** at 7 PM - Congregational Prayer Meeting
- **SATURDAY, July 8 at 8 AM** - Men's Discipleship Breakfast  
Bring food to share!
- **MONDAY, July 10** - next Monday Summer Fellowship  
5 - 8 PM. Eat at 5:30 PM. Please see sign up for food in your e-mail. Please park on the side lot to leave the back open for play. Fellowship will only take place in the fellowship hall and outside please. (Bring games, toys, etc)
- **SATURDAY, July 15, 9:30 - 11 AM** - Introduction to Children's Ministry
- **Family Camp 2023** - September 21-24
- **Tuesdays at 1:30 PM** at Rockport. - **Exercise Class** .  
Please contact Susan Jackson for more information  
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## A Word from Pastor Scott:

Sunday July 2, 2023

*"Now there are also many other things that Jesus did.  
Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself  
could not contain the books that would be written."*

**John 21:25**

"It's like waving goodbye to a close friend." That's what it feels like to me as we close the book on John's gospel and our years long journey through it together. Some of you may remember that we started this journey on March, 15 2020, one week before the Covid shutdown began (let's not revisit that!). Then after a short break we resumed our study and have been making our way through John's wonderful gospel ever since (with a short break here and there). During this journey I have begun to feel that I know John well as he has labored to make Jesus known to us and teach us what it means to follow Him!

That makes today a bitter-sweet day. Sweet, because the journey has been so full of good things as John has unfolded to us the wonders and works of our Savior. Think back to all we've seen from Christ's eternal existence as the Word who is God and was with God "in the beginning," to His incarnation as the Word made flesh – God's Son living among us as our Messiah, Shepherd-King. We've tasted Him as the Bread of Life; seen Him as the Light of the world; quenched our thirst with the water He gives; walked through Him as the door to good pastures where He leads us as the Good Shepherd; drawn life from Him as the Vine and marveled at His power to heal the broken and raise the dead. We've wept beside the cross, marveled at the disciple's lack of faith, and stood amazed with them as they saw Him alive again, risen from the dead. Above all we've heard his words of comfort and challenge calling us to faith.

All these things have made John's gospel sweet through and through. But, as I say, also somewhat bitter now that we've come to the end. Again, it's like waving goodbye to a close friend. But at least, in this case, a good friend we can visit again whenever we like. That's something I certainly plan to do.

So where will we travel next? Beginning next Sunday we will start a new journey through the Psalms – not the whole book, but selected Psalms of various types as we learn to worship and trust our Good Shepherd through good times and bad, through joy and sorrow, through sin and repentance leading to praise.

*Rejoicing in the Truth and Faithfulness of His Word!*

Pastor Scott

## Kid's Listening Sheet (7/2/23)

Title: "Above All, \_\_\_\_\_"

Bible Passages: John 21: \_\_\_\_\_



Key Words: Circle each word every time you hear it.

Book	Follow	Heart	Life
Cross	Eyes	Table	Love
Children	Peter	John	Jesus
Hunt	Baseball	Hands	Pen

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.

## Above All, Jesus says, "Follow Me!" (John 21:20–25)

C W H E N A A P E T E R H  
O M D I S C I P L E W M L  
M A B R O T H E R S I R K  
E N M N W A W R I T T E N  
N Y C G D B E A R I N G O  
K G B E T R A Y E M E I W  
B F O L L O W G M O S J C  
G K P J B A C K A N S L J  
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O T H E R G O I N G R U S  
V T H I N G S U P P E R U  
E R U T H E R E M W A N S  
D U H A L S O L O R D E N  
F E U E E N O T S A I D D

ABROAD	ALSO	BACK
BEARING	BETRAY	BROTHERS
COME	DISCIPLE	FOLLOW
GOING	JESUS	KNOW
LEANED	LORD	LOVED
MANY	OTHER	PETER
REMAIN	SAID	SPREAD
SUPPER	TESTIMONY	THERE
THINGS	TRUE	TURNED
WHEN	WITNESS	WRITTEN