

“If You’re Gettin’ Kicked in the Pants, You’re Still in the Lead”
John 21:18-25
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1. Read John 21:18-25. Discuss the setting for these last words of Jesus, i.e. place, time, setting, those present, etc.
2. Throughout Jesus’ earthly ministry, He told many people to stop what they’re doing and follow Him. Discuss these occurrences and what it meant to be a follower of Jesus to these men and women. What does it mean to follow Jesus in our day and in our culture?
3. In Luke 9:23-24, Jesus gives requirements for discipleship. What are these and what do they mean for you personally?
4. Jesus’ 1st words to Peter were, “Follow me...” Now, shortly before the Lord’s ascension, he again tells Peter to follow Him. Discuss the changes in circumstances and the changes in Peter between the 1st occurrence and this last occurrence.
5. In verses 18 and 19, Jesus predicts the death of Peter. What lesson(s) is Jesus teaching Peter?
6. In verses 20-23, Jesus again commands Peter to follow Him. What lesson(s) is Jesus teaching Peter in these verses?
7. How did early Christians misinterpret Jesus’ words?
8. How has Jesus’ command, “Follow me”, taken on new meaning for you in the varying stages of your Christian walk? Where is Jesus leading you today? What steps in your spiritual walk is Jesus asking you to take today? These steps might include family, community, church, or other areas.
9. John concludes His Gospel in verses 24-25. Discuss these concluding verses. What have been some highlights in your study of this Gospel?
10. Conclude with prayer. Ask for wisdom and discernment in discovering the steps of faith that He desires you to take, and for the courage and strength to do so.