

What is That to You? (8/18/24)

Main Verses: John 21:20-23

Key Verse: John 21:22

'Takeaway': Just as Jesus reminded Peter, instead of getting distracted by things that really don't concern us, we should focus on what should concern us most: following Christ.

Getting Started: Have you ever been distracted? Tell us about a time when you were distracted.



READ John 21:20-23 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

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Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

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An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

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