

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read John 21:1-19. What questions immediately come to mind? What do you find most challenging? Why?
2. These disciples have travelled 125-140 kilometres from where Jesus was killed & rose again. Why? What do you know about where they are now? What do you think they talked about on their journey?
3. Read this episode through the lens of Jesus' entire life among the 12. What parallels do you see here that are reflections of earlier episodes in his life with the disciples? Why is it important for John to almost "re-tell" the gospel narrative in this one chapter?
4. This isn't the first time following the resurrection that Jesus' closest followers fail to recognize Him. Why do you think that was? This also isn't the first time Jesus gives some fishing tips. What strikes you as interesting or noteworthy about this "caught any fish yet?" exchange in verses 6-7?
5. What is significant of the fact that Jesus already had a fire going, complete with cooked fish & baked bread? What does this tell you about his provision for you?
6. What does Peter promise in John 13:37 and Mark 14:31? What is important about those promises based on what happens in John 18:17, 25 & 27?
7. What encouragement & good news is found in Jesus' conversation with Peter? What does Jesus *NOT* say to Peter? Why does that "silence" matter? What does it communicate to Peter & to you?
8. How is Peter supposed to demonstrate his love & loyalty to Jesus from this point forward? What do you think that means for you?
9. Who do you know who needs to feel forgiven & restored by Jesus? How can you communicate that to them this week?
10. What does this text call you to do?

Remember:

Jesus isn't interested in *your* best, He is interested in *you* living *His* best.

Continue praying through the week:

***Father prepare me for whatever you require today
and lead me in faith wherever you call me to go.
In Jesus' Name...Amen.***

Living Water Fellowship

3rd Sunday in Easter – 4th May 2025

COME TO JESUS

SONGS:

I Cannot Tell

WELCOME & PRAYER:

GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING:

John 21:1-19

¹ Later, Jesus appeared again to the disciples beside the Sea of Galilee. This is how it happened. ² Several of the disciples were there—Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, & two other disciples.

³ Simon Peter said, "I'm going fishing." "We'll come, too," they all said. So they went out in the boat, but caught nothing all night. ⁴ At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn't see who he was. ⁵ He called out, "Fellows, have you caught any fish?" "No," they replied. ⁶ Then he said, "Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, & you'll get some!" So they did, & they couldn't haul in the net because there were so many fish in it.

⁷ Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, & swam toward shore. ⁸ The others stayed with the boat & pulled the loaded net to the shore, for they were only about a hundred yards from shore. ⁹ When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, & some bread.

¹⁰ "Bring some of the fish you've caught," Jesus said. ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard & dragged the net to the shore. There were 153 large fish, & yet the net hadn't torn. ¹² "Now come & have some breakfast!" Jesus said. None of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Then Jesus served them the bread & the fish.

¹⁴ This was the third time Jesus had appeared to his disciples since he had been raised from the dead.

¹⁵ After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," Peter replied, "you know I love you." "Then feed my lambs," Jesus told him. ¹⁶ Jesus repeated the question: "Simon son of John, do you love me?" "Yes, Lord," Peter said, "you know I love you." "Then take care of my sheep," Jesus said. ¹⁷ A third time he asked him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep."

¹⁸ “I tell you the truth, when you were young, you were able to do as you liked; you dressed yourself & went wherever you wanted to go. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, & others will dress you & take you where you don’t want to go.” ¹⁹ Jesus said this to let him know by what kind of death he would glorify God. Then Jesus told him, “Follow me.”

CHILDREN’S TIME:

SONG: *This Life I Live*

FAITH CHAT:

1. Describe what you consider your “comfort zone.” Why that?
2. To what challenge would you want Jesus to **NOT** call you? Why that?

THE MESSAGE: *IDENTITY CHECK: SHOW ME YOUR NEW LIFE*

OFFERING SONG: *This is How We Know*

PRAYERS:

A CONFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH: *PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11*

⁶ Though Jesus was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.

⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.

When he appeared in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honour and gave him the name above all other names,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

THE COMMUNION:

Words of Institution & The Lord’s Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Worship Video during Communion: BOLDLY! APPROACH (REND COLLECTIVE)

GO IN HIS POWER

THE BLESSING:

**(Name), † child of God,
Christ daily grants you new life! -- Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SONG: *To God Be The Glory*

SHOW HIS LOVE

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