

Peter's Easter: 'Found' John 21:1-14

Discussion guide based on the sermon on 28.4.19



Intro: *John 21 is an epilogue. I wonder if having finished chapter 20 with a summary John realised he had space for one more 'miraculous sign' on his scroll? I'm so glad he did! This is the third post-resurrection appearance of Jesus to his disciples. Discuss as many of the questions below as is right for your group or spend more time thinking deeply about one of them. Lena*

Read John 21:1-8

Close your eyes and imagine you are on the shore of Lake Galilee: Hear the gentle lapping of the water, the warm breeze on your face, the smell of the charcoal fire. Where would you be in this story? Would you be on the boat keeping busy with fishing or are you waiting on the shore with the man? When John says he thinks it is Jesus what do you think you would do? Jump off the boat? Take the catch safely in? Watch and see how the others react? Something else?

How does this passage compare to Luke 5:1-11. What is the same and what is different?

The disciples went fishing, what is your default activity to keep busy when you can't make sense of life? Is there space in this activity for Jesus to show you the things he can see that you can't see?

Read John 21:9-14

The disciples 'knew it was the Lord' v 12b. What does this title 'Lord' mean to the disciples? What does the title 'Lord' mean to you?

Who is Jesus to you? How would you describe him to a family member or friend who doesn't have a Christian faith?

Jesus invited the disciples to add some of their fish to the breakfast (even though he already had enough fish cooking). What do you think Jesus is calling you to bring to him at the moment?

Up: Thank God that we have both the account of Jesus life and the disciple's interaction with him. Spend time reflecting on the part of this reading that resonates most with you.

In: The disciples were all so different and so are we! Thank God for the different personalities gifts and skills represented in your group and in the wider church.

Out: Ask God who he wants you to speak to this week? Ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit so you can do this.