

For week of April 2 to April 8

Tasting and Seeing #5: Fish and Forgiveness for Breakfast

Getting Started

Have you ever failed at something so badly that you were tempted to give up on what you had worked so hard to achieve and just go back to doing things the way you always did before? Did you give up? What were the consequences, whether you did or didn't?

Read the Text Together: **John 21:1-22**

Discussion

What did the disciples decide to do in v. **2,3**? Why? Do you think this was something Jesus wanted them to do? Why or why not? Do you think this was a casual fishing expedition or was something else going on here? How do you think the disciples were feeling at this point? (Confused? Discouraged? Hopeful? Energized? etc.)

In v. **6**, Jesus tells the disciples to, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat. . ." Why does Jesus do this? Has anything like this ever happened before? What did Jesus tell the disciples the first time this happened? (See **Luke 5:1-11**) What did the disciples do the first time? What does Jesus want them to do this time?

What does Peter do when he realizes the man on the shore is Jesus? Why do you think Peter behaves this way? Do you think he had multiple conflicting emotions in his heart?

How had Jesus prepared to meet the disciples when they arrived on shore? (see v. **9-14**) Why do you think Jesus prepared a meal?

Why does v. **12** say none of them dared ask, "Who are you?" Why would they have any confusion? Was Jesus difficult to recognize after He was raised? (consider **John 20:15,16; Luke 24:13-16; Matthew 28:16,17**)

How do you think Peter felt the first time Jesus asked him in front of the others if he loved Him? How about the second time? The third time? What does Jesus' reply to Peter's answer mean?

What two word phrase does Jesus repeat to Peter in v. **19 & 22**? Did Jesus ever say this to Peter before? What did this phrase mean the first time Jesus said it to Peter? What did it mean now?

Wrap Up

In what way is Jesus calling you to follow Him today?

- What must I change?
- What decision must I make?
- What action must I take?