



**STUDIES**

# **INTRO**

*in subsets if needed  
(15 min)*

## **CARE**

Looking back on the last week,  
what is one thing for which you're thankful  
and one thing for which we can pray?

Pray.

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## **FOCUS**

Today we're placing our attention on John 21:1-19.  
Here we see the restoration of Peter.

Focus your time and attention on helping the group understand

- a) that Jesus is working to restore Peter in this passage.
- b) that our usefulness is less important than a relationship to God.
- c) that God wants to walk in a love relationship with each of us.

# READ

*and re-read*

## **John 21:1-19**

[1] After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. [2] Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. [3] Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

[4] Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. [5] Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." [6] He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. [7] That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. [8] The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

[9] When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. [10] Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." [11] So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. [12] Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. [13] Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. [14] This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

[15] When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." [16] He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." [17] He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. (ESV)

# DISCUSS

(30 min)

| 1 |

What are the main ideas of this passage?

| 2 |

Why is it important to our passage that Jesus provides the catch? (See Luke 5:1-11)

Why would Jesus repeat the same miracle among the same group of men?

What was Jesus doing when He performed the first miraculous catch?

After Peter's failures, what was He doing on the day of our passage today?

Jesus repeated many of the events of Peter's calling as He overcame Peter's denial with His grace and future calling to "follow me."

| 3 |

Peter possessed a ferocious appetite to prove himself significant and yet we find him struggling at his craft and struggling through the waves to get to shore and see Jesus. Conversely we see Jesus providing the catch, the fire, and the breakfast that awaited Peter on the beach.

On Sunday, referring to Peter, Pastor Kevin mentioned that "God is more concerned about my relationship with Him than my usefulness to Him."

Are any of you like Peter, trying to prove your usefulness to God while what God really wants is a relationship with you?

| 4 |

Our passage gives us the image of Peter enjoying breakfast with Jesus on the beach; a time of friendship, fellowship, conversation, rest, and love.

Does that describe your relationship with Jesus?

| 5 |

On Sunday Kevin spoke about the importance and rarity of finding rest in a busy and tired world? What do you do to find rest? Are there any rhythms you would like to adopt that would make room for rest?

# *OBEY*

*(10 min)*

**| 1 |**

Are there any principles to apply or commands to obey from our passage today?

**| 2 |**

Is there something you need to do  
- and/or -  
someone you need to tell in response to what you've learned today?

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Prayer of Commission

