

## Applying It In My Life .....Group time - 20 minutes

1. Imagine yourself in the boat with the disciples, casting your net time and time again and getting nowhere. Where in your life have you been laboring and getting nowhere? What lesson do you see in this situation for each of us? How will you apply this lesson in your life?
2. Knowing all you have done this week, what would you say if Jesus, asked you, "Do you love Me?" How would you feel? What needs to change in your life to help you be more comfortable with your answer to that question?
3. How has Jesus specifically addressed the areas of your life that have needed forgiveness, healing and restoration? Share an example of such forgiveness and how that forgiveness and restoration was life-changing for you?

## Prayer Time .....Group time - 15 minutes

Give thanks to God for extending to you His grace, forgiveness and restoration. Thank God that you have been given a commission to serve Him. Pray that you might know what it means to follow Christ wholeheartedly and that your life might be a faithful, living expression of God's love to all who see it.

Finish your prayer time by praying for the needs of those in your *Growth Group*. Take a few minutes to share prayer requests. Ask someone in the group to record your prayers so that in future weeks you can see where God is answering your prayers.

## RISE RISING THROUGH RESTORATION

- Jesus redirected the PURPOSE for the disciple's lives.

### Jesus' Appearances After His Resurrection

• Mary Magdalene	Mark 16:9-11; John 20:10-18
• Women returning from the tomb	Matthew 28:8-10
• Peter	Luke 24:34; 1 Corinthians 15:5
• Travelers on the road to Emmaus	Mark 16:12,13; Luke 24:13-31
• Disciples (without Thomas)	Mark 16:14; John 20:19-23
• Disciples (with Thomas)	John 20:24-29
• Disciples (7) near Lake of Tiberias	John 21:1-23
• Apostles and crowd of 500 people	1 Corinthians 15:6
• James	1 Corinthians 15:6
• Ascension into Heaven	Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:3-8
• Stephen outside Jerusalem	Acts 7:55
• Paul near Damascus	Acts 9:3-6
• Paul in the temple	Acts 22:17-21
• John on the Island of Patmos	Revelation 1:10-19

### Redirected Focus and Purpose

John 21:1-25

- Recognize Jesus' presence EVERYWHERE.
- Accept Jesus' INVITATION to worship, pray and serve.
- Make loving Jesus your FIRST priority.
- Take to heart Jesus' forgiveness of ALL your sins.
- Believe Jesus wants to use you in a GREAT way.

# GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

Week of April 11-15, 2016

## Getting Started .....Group time - 15 minutes

1. What is the most meaningful act of forgiveness you've ever been shown by a person you've wronged? What impact did their forgiveness have on your relationship? What impact did their forgiveness have on your willingness to forgive others who have wronged you?

FOR GROWTH GROUP TIME

## Getting Into God's Word.....Group time - 40 minutes

Read John 21:1-25 (In preparation to answer questions)

1. John says this appearance is "the third time Jesus appeared to the disciples." How does that fit with the chronology of appearances that Pastor Ty spoke of? Prior to Jesus' appearance, what were the seven disciples doing and why was it significant? How did the disciples come to recognize Jesus on the shoreline?
2. From this post-resurrection appearance to the seven disciples at the Sea of Galilee, what do we learn about Jesus? Compare John's account with Luke's in Luke 24:41-49. What do you think was John's central point here in his epilogue?

3. What do you think Jesus meant by his question to Peter, "Do you truly love me more than these?" Who or what was supposed to be second to Jesus in Peter's life? Why did this question and the following ones so deeply hurt Peter?
4. In the presence of Peter's fellow disciples, Jesus three times asked Peter if he loved Him. Why do you think He did this? Why did Peter keep answering Jesus' question with the same response, "You know that I love you"? How did the new commission that Jesus gave Peter offer a concrete way of demonstrating that Peter was forgiven and expressed hope for him?
5. In response to Peter's three-fold declaration of his love for Jesus explain in your own words the three-fold commission Jesus gave Peter. According to this passage, what is the essential qualification for one who ministers to people? Why is this characteristic such an essential requirement for loving God's people? How in our daily interaction with others can we model this kind of love?