

FISHING

Group Guide:
Week 6

CONNECT BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING

- What is the most important thing you have learned about being a fisher through this sermon series?
- Would you rather take cold showers for the rest of your life or drink really hot water for the rest of your life?
- Discipleship Check-In

INTRODUCTION

Jesus has risen from the dead and the disciples have seen him with their own eyes, but for some reason they aren't doing what you would expect. They are fishing. Jesus is going to remind them of who he is through a miracle and a meal. He will show them that he is able to catch an abundance of fish if they are willing to be led by him.

Let's pray and ask the Spirit to reveal to us more about who Jesus is and how this scripture might apply to us today.

OBSERVE EXAMINE THE TEXT FOR YOURSELF

READ: John 21:1-14

DISCUSS:

- What initial observations do you have about the passage?
- What other passages of Scripture does this passage remind you of?

INTERPRET WHAT DO YOU THINK THE AUTHOR IS SAYING

DISCUSS:

- The disciples have seen the risen Jesus already in the previous passages, but go back to their old lifestyle of fishing. Why do you think that is?
- Why can't the disciples catch any fish on their own, but when Jesus instructs them they catch so many they aren't able to haul it in? What message do you think the author is trying to communicate?
- Why do you think it takes catching a massive amount of fish for the disciples to be able to recognize Jesus? What surprises you about Peter's reaction?

APPLY HOW DOES WHAT THE AUTHOR IS SAYING APPLY TO YOUR LIFE

DISCUSS:

- Like the disciples, it can be easy for us to drift back to our old way of living rather than choosing to remember and hold onto the mission that Jesus has given to us. What in your life causes you to drift from who Jesus has called you to be and the mission he has given you?
- Jesus is reminding the disciples that he is ready and willing to produce miracles. The beauty of this reality is that we just have to listen to where he is calling us to “cast our nets.” Where is Jesus calling you to “cast your nets” knowing that he is the one will produce the miracle of salvation in other peoples’ lives?

PRAY

Praise the Father who is faithful to his mission of seeing the world fully restored by sending his son. Praise Jesus who saves us and then invites us to be fishers of men who can experience other people saved by his grace. Praise the Spirit who reminds us of the words of Jesus and gives us the power to live a life on mission. Pray that an abundance of people would come to know Jesus in New England and that we would know how we can join Jesus in this mission.

Discipleship Check-In

- Have you prayed and read your Bible consistently the past week?
- Who is someone you're praying to share Jesus with this week, and what's one way you can love them well?