

From Meetings to Mission

A post-Easter study of John 20-21



A Guide for Spiritual Formation

Series Theme: From Meetings to Mission

Text for the Week: John 21:1-14

Message for the Week: Gone Fishing

Theme for the Week: Go Catching

Week #5

Opening:

What is one low (a bad thing) and one high (a good thing) that happened to you this past week? Write them down and take turns sharing them with the others in your group.

Where have you seen the work of the Holy Spirit in your life this past week?

What is your most memorable fishing story? What is your favorite spot for a cookout?

Preparation:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with God to center and prepare yourself for your time with God today.

Read:

Read / Have two people in your group read [John 21:1-14](#) out loud.

[Clicking this link will bring you to multiple translations.]

As you read and/or listen to the text being read, circle, take note of, highlight, or underline what words, phrases, or ideas grabbed your attention and heart in these verses?

Write them down below and/or share them with those who are with you.

Respond / Reflect:

Where do you go and what do you do when things are difficult or are not going well?

What differences and/or similarities do you notice between the fishing story in [Luke 5](#) and the fishing story in [John 21](#)?

When were you “caught” by Jesus?

When you are alone with God, when it is just you and God, what do you say?

What do you have to offer that Jesus can use (John 21:10)?

Pastor Doug noted that “it is important to remember that the church doesn’t grow when unbelievers obey, but when the followers of Jesus do. Are we obeying? Are we loving and forgiving one another? Are we sharing the Gospel? Are we tithing? Are we praying together?”

“Try It!”

If you have been following Jesus for a long time and feel stuck or stagnant in your walk with Jesus, are you open to trying new faith practices or postures? Some suggestions for you to consider: Lectio Divina; eating and drinking with people you don’t know well; try YouVersion, Lectio 365, or other Bible apps on your phone; join a life group; change up the rhythms/practices of your current life group; subscribe to a podcast; try a new devotional method.

Prayer:

Spend time in prayer with/for the other people who are with you. Pray this prayer together:

Father, thank you for raising Jesus from the dead and for providing us hope in the middle of our guilt, our grieving, our pain, and our life’s messes. Open our eyes so we might recognize “It is the Lord.” Give us the courage to come ashore to meet Jesus face to face, to seek his forgiveness and reconciliation, to hear his word of revelation, and to join him for a breakfast at the beginning of a new day and a new life. Father, make us catchers of people like Jesus was (and is) as we follow him on mission. Father, Son, Spirit, we love you. In the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

Missional/Spiritual Practice for the Month: Joining God in the Neighborhood

During the month of May, each of us is encouraged to be active participant in the Joining God in the Neighborhood workshop being offered on Sunday mornings after the worship gathering at Covenant Church. Joining God in the Neighborhood seeks to help us learn, through action and reflection, how to join in the mission of God in our neighborhoods. Together we'll learn and practice listening to God and our neighbor, discerning where the Spirit is at work, and developing small learning experiments that help us deepen our 'ministry of presence.'