



HTC Groups

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: Now What?!: No matter your past

Scripture: John 21:1-19

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1. As John 21 begins, Peter says to the other disciples, “I am going fishing” (John 21:3). For Peter, a fisherman, this was his “return to normal” or “go back to the way things were.” Is there a place or activity that has the same effect on you?
2. Let’s read Luke 5:1-11 together. Now let’s read John 21:4-8. Why are these two events important?
3. Jesus appears to the disciples in one of His last appearances in nearly the exact way as when He called them. Knowing what Jesus prophesied in John 16:32 and what occurred in Matthew 26:56, why would Jesus need to call and recommission the disciples?
4. Jesus in the flesh in Luke 5 and resurrected Jesus in John 21 performed the same miracle with the catch of fish. What does this say about Jesus’ humanity and divinity?
5. Let’s read Luke 22:54-62. This passage details the three times Peter denies Jesus (take a moment to reflect on the heartache of Luke 22:61). Now let’s read John 21:15-19. This passage details the three times Jesus asks Peter if he loves Him. Why do the three denials and three affirmations matter?
6. Luke 22:55 states, “they kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them” (note: John 18:18 provides an additional detail, “the servants and officers made a charcoal fire”). John 21:9 says, “when they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread.” Jesus captured both of these moments in Peter’s life. How does this reflect both Jesus’ knowledge and kindness?
7. As we read John 21:15-19, our English translation “love” is used for two different Greek words. Some scholars will make these words have an order of importance, but that is not necessarily Jesus’ point. We recognize that we can say we “love” something (i.e. tacos, walks on the beach, sunshine), and we “love” God. Why is it important for us to answer the question, “Do you love me?” that Jesus asks? Do you ever feel grieved like Peter was (John 21:17)?
8. Why is the statement, “No matter your past, YOU ARE WELCOME” important to our discussion? What does that mean for you and your relationship with God? What about your relationship with others?