

DISCUSSION 1

Jesus Appears (vv. 1-14)

1. The characters are listed—seven disciples (two unnamed) with the resurrected Jesus being the key figure of the story. What do you think of the occasion of the story? Why are they fishing, and is the lack of a catch significant?
2. Jesus interacts with them from the shore. Did he know the answer to his question? Is there some significance to his command to them? What do you think of Peter's response to Jesus?
3. Jesus cooks breakfast for them from the fish they caught. Speak to the combination of Jesus's miraculous enabling and their work to get the fish. Does the meal of bread and fish remind you of any event in Jesus's life? Is the eating of the meal helpful in understanding the reality of a resurrected body and our future state?

DISCUSSION 2

Jesus Questions (vv. 15-19)

1. Jesus and Peter have a Q&A session that is well known. Jesus asks the same question three times, and Peter answers three times. Is the three times significant? Does it relate to Peter's denial?
2. Does Jesus's response to Peter's answer help you to see the significance of the questions? Should it have encouraged Peter?
3. When this gospel was written, Peter had probably already died (perhaps he'd been martyred). Do you think Peter was encouraged by this death prediction? Could this have motivated Peter as he faced persecution in Acts for proclaiming Jesus as Lord (Acts 12, I Peter 1:12-15)?

DISCUSSION 3

Peter and John (vv. 19-25)

1. After Peter heard Jesus describe his death, he wondered about John. Do we often worry about fairness and what we receive versus what others receive? What is Jesus's response, and what were the rumors that occurred after this incident? What can we learn from this?
2. The book ends with a very interesting verse concerning all that could be said about Jesus. Does this encourage you? Does it help you to realize that we have all we need to know about Jesus to glorify him? Does it give hope for eternity as we continue to grow in our knowledge of him?

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Do a play with your kids of that post resurrection appearance of Jesus. Maybe the mom or dad can be the cook—use fish sticks and bread. Have the kids play the fishermen and bring in the fish to be cooked. Then talk around the table as if you were meeting with Jesus, whom you thought you would never see again—but he is there!
2. As a family ask everyone to give two actions that show you love each other. Suggestions could be to take out the trash, buy flowers, etc. Then suggest two actions that you could do to show you love Jesus. This is not to earn his love but as an outgrowth of your love for him.
3. Have the family share times when they thought someone was treated better than they were (got a better gift, etc.). Then think of all the things we must be thankful for. List at least ten each and pray a prayer of thanks to God for his goodness to us.

APPLICATION

- Pray that God gives you a love for him that will not deny him but will be tenaciously faithful to him. Repent of an occasion last week where your love for Him was not evident and resolve to show love for him in a clear way in the coming week.
- Read the letter of 2 Peter in one sitting and find three actions that you can follow as you read from the one who denied Jesus but who finally dies for him.