

MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES

Message Discussion Questions

Read John 21. Have 2 people retell the story, without looking at the text.

Explore the Truth

1. **21:1-8** What were the disciples doing? Why? Why did Peter swim to Jesus?
2. **21:9-14** Why is this miracle so significant (why reveal Himself this way)?
3. **21:15-19** Why did Jesus ask Peter a very similar question 3 times? What was Jesus seeking from Peter? How did these 3 questions change/affect Peter?
4. **21:20-23** What does this reveal about Peter? What's Jesus want Peter to do?

Truth to Live By

1. **Jesus meets our failure/shame with GRACE, not to condemn but restore. Jesus confronts our PRIDE, replacing it with humility & trusting Him.** Peter swore he would not deny Jesus (Matt. 26:22ff), yet he did. Share a time you failed Jesus. How did you feel? What did you do? What did Jesus do?
2. **Jesus reveals Himself to us so we may know Him so we can learn to trust Him in all circumstances & surrender our lives to Him in all things.** Retell some of Peter's experiences with Jesus (Lk. 5:1-11; 8:51; Mt. 14:28) Share a 'life-changing moment' you've had with Jesus. How did it affect you? Based on your experience with Jesus, what's He like? What's true about Him?
3. **Jesus loves all people & invites each of us into a relationship with Him.** Why does Jesus love ALL people the same? Why do ALL people need Jesus? GOSPEL: 1. We are all sinners & deserve eternal punishment. 2. There is NO thing we can do to take away/remove our sins. 3. Jesus died to pay for our sins & rose again proving they are ALL paid for. 4. We must stop trying to earn God's forgiveness & trust only in Jesus as our only hope for forgiveness & eternal life. Share when you came to understand this & trust only in Jesus.
4. **Living the Christian life (following Jesus) is NOT by trying harder (pride) but by trusting Jesus more consistently (loving & surrendering to Him).** All true believers fail Jesus (like Peter). Jesus seeks to use our failure to teach us to stop trusting our own wisdom/strength & trust Him. Share a time you recently learned this truth. Why must this truth be learned every day?
5. **What matters is not our devotion to Jesus, but His devotion (grace) to us.** Why's Jesus' devotion (love/grace) to you more important than yours to Him?
6. **When we fail, Jesus knows EVERYTHING & still chooses to love & use us.** How does this truth motivate you to continue in your following Jesus?
7. **Believers have NO RIGHTS because of Jesus' CROSS & empty tomb.** What is the point of this statement? What is meant by we have no rights? What are some of your 'rights' that Jesus is asking you to surrender to Him?

How much has Jesus forgiven you? Are you forgiving others also (Mt. 18:21f)?