



LIFE GROUP NOTES

Week Beginning: 11th June 2023



John 21:1-19 BBQ on the beach

Warm Up

Memory and smell are linked in our brains. What smells evoke positive and painful memories? If you are able, share some memories.

Background and context

The resurrected Jesus gave instructions to His disciples to meet Him in Galilee. Whilst they were fishing, Jesus appeared and performed the same miracle He did when He called several of the disciples. For Peter, it was an uncomfortable time. He had let Jesus down. How was he going to react?

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity



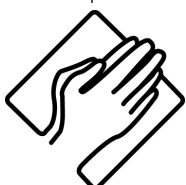
READ THE PASSAGE What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.

1. Read Luke 5:1-11. How does this story compare to the one in John 21?
2. Why do you think Jesus repeated this miracle for His disciples? He didn't need the fish, so what was the point?
3. After His resurrection, Jesus could have gone anywhere, done anything. Why did He choose a BBQ on the beach? What does this teach us about Jesus?
4. I expect Peter was waiting for a telling off from Jesus. His failure had been epic. How does Jesus respond to Peter? What lessons can we learn about Jesus and our sin?
5. Jesus reinstates Peter and gives him a specific role. How does this apply to us today?
6. How does Jesus indicate that following Him would not be easy?

Growing in discipleship: Practical application



7. Why might we sometimes need reminding of our call or status in Christ?
8. Sin can leave nasty memories. How does Satan use these to undermine us?
9. What habits/ disciplines have you developed that help you recognise "Jesus on the Shore", calling you?



Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.