

### Restoring The Fallen | John 21:1-23

1. Quickly remind yourself of the various events which happened in Peter's life between Jesus predicting his denial and his eventual restoration in John 21.
2. Read John 21:1-23. What particularly stands out or strikes you from this text, especially given all that you have reminded yourselves of in Q1?
3. Why, do you think, did the disciples go fishing? What might have been their motivations or emotions at this point?
4. Just maybe the disciples went fishing, at least in part, because they were defaulting to the familiar and what they knew as a safe space? To where, to whom or to what do you retreat to during times of stress/confusion/disappointment/etc.? Is this a life-bringing place, person or pursuit?
5. Why, do you think, does the Bible tell us they caught 153 fish? Can you think of any other seemingly obscure details that the Bible shares in other places? Do your discussions increase your confidence in the authority of Scripture (or not)?
6. Jesus appears on the shore but the disciples do not recognize Him. Why do you think they didn't recognize Him? Are there any lessons we can learn from this?
7. What do we learn about Peter's character and his relationship with Jesus from verse 7? Does this story remind you of other occasions when Peter acted similarly?
8. Jesus already has breakfast prepared. What might be the significance of this action? What does it reveal about Jesus' provision and care for His disciples...? For us...?
9. Jesus asks Peter three times, "Do you love me?" What do you think is the significance of this repetition? Why does Jesus ask Peter this specific question? Peter responds to Jesus' question in verse 15 with, "Lord, you know that I love you." What can we learn from Peter's response? How does Jesus respond to Peter's affirmation? How might you have responded?
10. In verse 22, Jesus says to Peter, "What is that to you? You must follow me." What do you think Jesus meant by this statement? How can we apply this principle in our own lives?
11. Reflecting on this passage as a whole, what are some key lessons or themes that stand out to you? How can we apply these lessons in our own discipleship journey?



What did you discover about God in this passage?  
What did you discover about people in this passage?  
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?  
With whom will you share what you have learned?

