

John 21: 1-25

Restoring and being restored



Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

The text – John 21:1-25

1. Read John 21:1-14. This is the third post-resurrection appearance of Jesus in the book of John. What do we learn about both Jesus and Peter from this event?
2. Breakfast is cooked on a charcoal fire (21:9). The only other time we read about a charcoal fire in John is in 18:18, the place at which Peter denied Jesus three times. What point do you think is being made by this repetition?
3. Read John 21:15-17. Jesus reinstates Peter after his fearful denials in the courtyard in John 18. What do we learn about being restored from this incident?
4. Briefly discuss the final verse (21:25). This is a very different conclusion to what we have in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. What point is being made?

The Scriptures – John 21:1-25 as a portion of the Scriptures

5. Some commentators connect the remarkable catch of 153 fish to Ezekiel's vision of a river flowing from the Temple. Read Ezekiel 47:6-10. What do you think about this connection?
6. 1 Peter 5:1-11 is an important portion of Scripture about being restored. Read and discuss this wonderful text. How does God restore his people?

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to John 21:1-25 as a portion of the Scriptures

7. Have you ever needed to be restored? Can you tell the group about that time in your life?
8. The church needs to be a restorative community. What are some characteristics of a church community that restores people?

