



Leader Corner

John 21:1-14

Main Idea: Many theologians point to this section of John as a lesson for the disciples and for us today and our call to work for God's Kingdom on earth. Truth, dependence, obedience, and Jesus' call on our lives are all evident in this section.

Main Practice: Obeying Jesus is a lifelong journey, even during our normal daily lives.

Main Teaching: John 21:1-14

Refocus with Praise

Together, read Psalm 119:1-8.

1 Joyful are people of integrity, who follow the instructions of the Lord. **2** Joyful are those who obey his laws and search for him with all their hearts. **3** They do not compromise with evil, and they walk only in his paths. **4** You have charged us to keep your commandments carefully. **5** Oh, that my actions would consistently reflect your decrees! **6** Then I will not be ashamed when I compare my life with your commands. **7** As I learn your righteous regulations, I will thank you by living as I should! **8** I will obey your decrees. Please don't give up on me!

with Prayer

Have someone pray for your group as you study this passage and for your discussion this evening. Ask for God's help to focus on Jesus' call on our lives and for our ability to respond in Truth and obedience.

1. Have a group member read John 21:1-14.
2. Discuss any insights or questions you had after hearing Sunday's sermon.
3. In chapter 21, verses 1-3 are a prime example of "waiting on the Lord." Jesus had previously instructed the disciples to go to Galilee (the Sea of Tiberias). With no further instructions from Jesus, they were living their lives in waiting. Can you recall scriptures that mention waiting on the Lord? See Isaiah 40:31, Psalm 37:7, Galatians 6:9, Philippians 4:6, 1 Peter 5:6-7.
4. In verse 6, Jesus asks a question of the fishermen. Even though they had failed in their present task, they answered humbly and truthfully. Why are humility and truth important for Christ followers? Helpful scriptures: Proverbs 12:22, Luke 14:11, Ephesians 4:25, Colossians 3:9, 1 Peter 5:6-7, James 4:6+10.
5. Being obedient to Jesus (verses 6+7) resulted in success where doing it their way had resulted in a fruitless night. Have you experienced a time when following Jesus' commands works better than your own way of doing things? Share that experience along with the following scriptures: Luke 11:28, John 14:21+23, 15:4-9, Colossians 2:6, 2 John 1:9.
6. Verses 9-13 show Christ's abundance in sharing Himself (here visualized as a prepared meal and time of fellowship) with those who trust Him. What other scripture do you recall that exhibits this? See John 10:10, 2 Corinthians 9:8, Ephesians 3:20-21 and 2 Peter 1:3.

Encourage one another to stay alert to Jesus' call following times of waiting and then to respond with obedience.

For Further Focus

The difference between Peter's response to Jesus here (reckless abandon to get closer to Jesus) and Peter's first fishing trip with Jesus in Luke 5:8 is the difference between an unforgiven sinner, and a sinner saved by the grace of Christ. Ponder what difference Christ's forgiveness makes in our lives and our close relationship with Him. See John 1:12, 2 Corinthians 5:17+21 and 1 John 1:9.