



## Group Discussion Questions

### Profound: The Achievements of Jesus March 22 & 25, 2018

**Group Discussion:** Do you ever go fishing? Where do you go? What do you use for bait? If you don't fish, what's the best fishing joke you know?

Read aloud: John 21

Jesus called His disciples and told them He was going to make them, "fishers of men." With that in mind why do you think Jesus wanted to meet 7 of His disciples while they were on a fishing expedition? Why did He let them fail all night and only succeed after He told them to cast on the right side of the boat? Why do you think Jesus wanted them to be so successful at fishing that day that they caught an exorbitant number (153) of fish?

John uses the charcoal fire to remind Peter of his failure to follow through on his promise to Jesus that he would never deny Him. Peter does deny knowing Jesus as he stands at the charcoal fire in the courtyard of the house of Caiaphas. Do you ever encounter physical symbols of a past failure that may make you slightly uncomfortable? I stole a candy bar as a child and every time I see that type of candy bar I think of my sin of stealing! Anything in your past you can share?

Isn't it amazing that Jesus never says to Peter, "What were you thinking!? Why did you say you didn't know me?" Have you ever made it difficult for people to apologize or say they're sorry? Jesus asks Peter, "Do you love me?" What would have happened if Jesus said, "Do you promise never to fail again? Do you swear you'll never make another mistake? What should I do to you next time you mess up Peter?" Jesus knows Peter will sin again and fail again, why does Jesus continue to forgive and restore?

Jesus asks Peter if he loves him 3 times because Peter denied Jesus 3 times. Then Jesus commands Peter in the future continuous tense, "Follow me!" What area is Jesus asking you to follow Him? What is one thing that you could change in your following of Jesus? Do you need to forgive and ask someone for a recommitment of love toward you? How do you communicate love to people around you, with words, actions, gifts, time?

**Family Time:** Talk to your kids about how you love them even when they do the wrong thing. You never throw them in the trash can!!! You forgive them and love them no matter what. Ask them if they ever have to forgive you.