

## **Opening**

- Weekly Christian Formation
- Question 52 \*What hope does everlasting life hold for us?
- Answer. It reminds us that this present fallen world is not all there is; soon we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new city, in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin and will inhabit renewed, resurrection bodies in a renewed, restored creation.
- Scripture Reference. Revelation 21:1-4

## **April 14 Sermon - Study Questions**

- John 21:1-14
- Pray for God's wisdom to rightly understand the passage

## - **Ouestions**

- 1. Read Luke 5:1-11. In what ways is this account of Jesus calling the disciples like the account in John 21? What kind of fishing did Jesus tell the disciples they would do? What was their response?
- 2. In either account were Simon and the others able to catch fish on their own? Why was Jesus' request to cast the net again a seemingly irrational request?
- 3. How might the disciples have gotten off track from their mission? What do you think Jesus was trying to communicate to the disciples about following Him by setting up another similar situation in John 21?
- 4. Read John 18:17-18, 25-27. When Peter denied Christ, John detailed he was by a charcoal fire. In John 21:9-10, Jesus invites Peter to join Him around a charcoal fire. What do you

think Jesus wanted to communicate to Peter? (This is better understood in the next passage, John 21:15-19, when Jesus asks Peter three questions that refer to Peter's three denials.)

- 5. In this passage, we see how easily man can get off track with God's mission. We also see how easy it is for us to try to labor in our own strength. What do you learn about God's grace in John 21?
- 6. In this passage, what do you learn about God's provision?
- 7. In this passage, what do you learn about what it means to follow Jesus?
- 8. What do we need to help our hearts to stay on track in the way that we follow Jesus? How can you pursue this?

## **Closing**

- Prayer: Reserve plenty of time to pray for one another.
- Prayer Challenge: Pray that God would provide opportunities for you to share Christ with people.
- Pray that you would make the most of every opportunity (Col 4:2-6).

<sup>\*\*</sup>Weekly Christian Formation Questions are taken from the New City Catechism