

LifeGroup Discussion Questions

John 21:1-25

April 12, 2020

Overview:

Traditionally Easter is when believers come together in worship to remember the resurrection of Jesus. Even though Easter will look different this year the purpose is still the same. Now more than ever we need to hear a message of hope. Had the cross been the end of the story then we would have no reason to celebrate. The resurrection brings hope, meaning, and purpose to being a follower of Jesus.

When Jesus selected his disciples He didn't exactly pick the best of the best. Half of them were fisherman. Matthew was a tax collector (basically worked the Roman government). Simon was a Zealot (a Jewish rebel trying to throw off Roman rule). Can you imagine having Matthew and Simon the Zealot eating at the same table? These two men had completely different worldviews when it came to the Romans. The only possible thing all the disciples had in common is they each failed Torah School.

All Jewish boys attended Torah school where they were supposed to learn the first 5 books of the Bible. Only the best and brightest were kept while the rest returned back to their family occupations. This is exactly where we find some of the disciples in John 21. They are out fishing. The one thing they had in their lives which they felt they had some control over. It was safe. It was secure. When their worlds were turned upside down by the cross this was the only other world they knew.

The story of Easter actually starts on Thursday during the last supper. This group of men had followed Jesus for three years. They had performed miracles in His name and yet they would all abandon Jesus within 24 hours of this supper. Each one of them had a price for their commitment to Jesus. This group of men went from abandoning Jesus to being world changers. It was seeing the resurrected Jesus that would change this group of men and the world forever.

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1. Why did Jesus pick ordinary men to be His followers? None of them were religious leaders or had political authority.

2. Peter denied Jesus three times before the cross and now Peter proclaims his love three times. Why do you think Jesus has Peter profess his love three times?
3. "Off-the-cuff replies and well-meaning superficial responses to the risen Lord will not work in the call of Jesus to the life of discipleship."¹ What does it mean for you to tell Jesus you love Him?
4. In this coronavirus world where are you looking for your sense of security?
5. "God does not bless human beings primarily to provide them with status but to carry out the divine purposes in the world."² What is the purpose behind being a disciple of Jesus?
6. If the tomb is empty, then anything is possible. Do you believe this statement to be true? How have the events of the past month affected your faith?
7. What steps are you taking this Easter to feed your faith and not your fear?

¹ Borchert, G. L. (2002). [John 12–21](#) (Vol. 25B, p. 334). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

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