

May 2021

Church Life

- If you are a guest with us today, we want to **WELCOME** you! If you haven't done so already, we invite you to stop by our Guest Reception Center in the lobby following the service. Someone will greet you, answer any questions you may have, and give you a gift as a thank-you for worshipping with us today!
- Are you finding yourself in an **unexpected pregnancy** and feeling scared? Do you feel like you have no one you can turn to for help? Here at Grace Chapel, we have a team of people trained to talk with you, listen to you, and give you support and encouragement. We don't want you to feel alone as you think about being pregnant and can't think of anyone to talk to about it. We would love to have you connect with us! You can reach the **Life Team** by calling the church at 616-741-0032 and then press option 6, or you can email our team at lifeteam@gracechapelzeeland.com. You will get a confidential response from a team member.
- **Grace Motorcycle Ministry** is starting up in May! Please meet at Grace at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, May 25. At approximately 6:30 pm, the group will leave for a ride and get some ice cream! Plan on arriving back at church around 8-8:30 pm. Invite a motorcycle friend(s) to come along! This is open to men and women and will meet the 4th Tuesday of May through August. Please contact Tom TenHarmsel at ttenharmsel@gmail.com or Jim Hill at jimhill0626@gmail.com with questions. Please sign-up at the scooter table if you are interested.
- **Prayer Team!** Do you have a passion for prayer? The prayer ministry is looking for faithful prayers to join the prayer team and pray before the services on Thursday and Sunday. This involves meeting at the church 1 hour before services to pray for the pastor, staff, volunteers, and all ministries that day. Please contact Beth Webb or Pastor John at john@gracechapelzeeland.com
- Storms and difficulties are often part of our lives. The good news is that God loves to bring healing and restoration to our broken hearts. If you are facing or have experienced divorce and would be interested in a **Divorce Care Group** led by an experienced and qualified counselor, please contact Lynne Lehocky at: llehocky@yahoo.com or Pastor John at: john@gracechapelzeeland.com



Do you believe Jesus _____ from the _____?
Do you submit your _____ to Jesus as the only source of _____?

John 21:1-15, Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. ⁵ He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. ⁶ He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

How good are you at listening to _____?

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." ¹⁷ The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep.

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Jesus calls us to _____ new and vulnerable young Christians into _____ follower of Jesus.
We are NOT defined by our _____. We are _____ and _____ by Jesus!

¹⁸ Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!" ²⁰ Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?") ²¹ When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?" ²² Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me." ²³ Because of this, the rumor spread among the believers that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; he only said, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?" ²⁴ This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true. ²⁵ Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

Life Application: Jesus designed you to do something great to build His Kingdom. Take some time this week and think about how God has gifted you. Pray and ask Jesus how you can use those gifts to build His Kingdom. Discuss this with someone close to you. Discuss ideas of how you each could do more to build God's Kingdom.



May 9th 2021

7th Resurrection Appearance

1. The Dead Sea Scrolls are yet another bit of evidence that the Bible can be trusted.

Why?

WORTH MEMORIZING: Old Testament scholar Gleason Archer said "they (The Dead Sea Scrolls) proved to be word for word identical with our standard Hebrew Bible in more than 95% of the text! The 5 per cent of variation consisted chiefly of variations in spelling.

WORTH ASKING:

Do you believe Jesus rose from the dead?
Do you submit your life to Jesus as the only source of salvation?

2. If you answered yes to the questions above, what would others say is proof of this from watching your life?

READ: John 21: 1-15

3. When we give our lives to Jesus, he PROMISES us that he will be with us always until the very end of the age. Jesus PROMISES to send us the Holy Spirit, His Spirit, God's Spirit to live inside us and guide us.

KEY QUESTION: How good are you at listening to Jesus / The Holy Spirit / God?

4. What are some things you could focus on to be a better listener to God?
5. Jesus showed up for these guys in a big way because they listened to Him. Has God ever shown up in a big in your life?
6. Hope is something we all need. Think about Peter, he made a lot of mistakes by acting without thinking. We can learn a lot about Hope from him, why?
7. Jesus asks Peter a question. What was it and how did he respond?

KEY POINT: Jesus calls us to feed / teach new and vulnerable young Christians.

A Quote from Pastor Adam... Just like a shepherd with lambs; if there are not people, like Peter, like you, and me, looking out for those around us, wolves or bad people can come in and corrupt them and lead them away from Jesus and toward death. That is what Jesus was saying to Peter; care for those around you, those who are not as strong as you are Peter. Keep them safe Peter, Protect them, Peter. Feed them Peter. Help them grow to become like you Peter! And He is saying the same thing to us!

KEY POINT: Jesus calls us to care / lead new and vulnerable young Christians.

8. How are you doing with this key point?
What is helping you to be successful or what is keeping you from succeeding?

KEY POINT: Jesus calls us to spiritually grow new and vulnerable young Christians into fully devoted follower of Jesus.

9. This is our goal as follower of Jesus. This is the goal of our church! To grow people into fully devoted follower of Jesus! Who can do exactly what Jesus calls Peter to do! How will you carry out these goals?
10. This should encourage us because Jesus never gave up on Peter and He will never give up on you.

KEY POINT: We are NOT defined by our past failures. We are forgiven and FREED by Jesus!

11. Jesus basically tells Peter something you may need to hear. Do you see what it might be?
12. Jesus tells Peter to worry about what He called him to do and let John worry about what Jesus called him to do. Why is this important?

KEY POINT: Live the life Jesus called you to!

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