

## **BECAUSE HE LIVES**

### **John 21:1-15**

#### **FROM PASTOR MARK**

*Never the Same* is a remarkable video about our Missions Weekend speaker Steve Richardson and how, thanks to his parents, the Sawi people were never the same.

Remember John's Prologue in 1:1-18? Today, we study his Epilogue to this remarkable Gospel. It comes after 20:30-31 and reveals many important themes to tie up loose ends and show His involvement in the lives of His followers after His resurrection. What will life be like now that Christ has risen?

- I. **JESUS CARES THAT WE AVOID A WASTED LIFE (21:1-5).**
- II. **JESUS CARES THAT WE AFFIRM A COMMITTED LIFE (21:6-11).**
  - A. Peter relived his call to service (21:6; Luke 5)
  - B. Peter rejoined his Lord (21:7-11)
- III. **JESUS CARES THAT WE APPRECIATE HIS PROVISIONS FOR LIFE (20:12-14).**
- IV. **JESUS CARES THAT WE ARE ASSURED OF OUR CALL TO SERVE HIM (21:15-16).**
  - A. He still wanted Peter to serve Him.
  - B. He wanted Peter to serve Him among His flock, the Church.
  - C. He wanted Peter's motive to be his love for Christ... To be continued...

We love Him because He first loved us (1 John 4:19; Galatians 2:20)...

Don't waste your life; live for Jesus.

**FOR NEXT TIME**—Read John 21:15-25, *Your Life as Jesus' Disciple*

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR APRIL 7, 2024**

1. Which of the four realities that Jesus cares about for us in John 21:1-16 are most precious to you currently and why? (Reread the Scripture passage for each point.)
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  - b. JESUS CARES THAT WE AFFIRM A COMMITTED LIFE (21:6-11).
  - c. JESUS CARES THAT WE APPRECIATE HIS PROVISIONS FOR LIFE (20:12-14).
  - d. JESUS CARES THAT WE ARE ASSURED OF OUR CALL TO SERVE HIM (21:15-16).

2. What spoke to you from the *Never the Same* video shown Sunday morning? If you missed it, check it out at <https://pioneers.org/2014/04/09/never-the-same>
3. Spend time communicating and/or praying for your Life Group Missionary Also, pray for Missions Weekend starting Friday.