

What Happened on the Shoreline? – John 21:1-14

Intro: No matter how well you plan, there is no guarantee of success.

If Proverbs 16:3 is followed, and if Jesus is in the center of our plans, success is certain which was demonstrated by Jesus at the shoreline.

I. The One Who Is _____ – John 21:4-6

A. Presence and _____ led to success.

B. Presence was a _____ to the disciples – Luke 5:1-11

II. The One Who _____ –

The plan was not for the disciples to fail at fishing, but for them to see the Lord give them success through His plan versus human reasoning.

We need to make our commitment to the _____ and not cultural constructs which are deconstructing the truth.

Human _____ and God's wisdom are mutually exclusive when it comes to what to be committed to in our planning.

Our plans + Committing to the Lord = Success.

III. The One Who _____ – 21:9-13

What the disciples worked for by their plan, Jesus graciously provided and so much more.

A. _____ and Fire! – 21:12

B. _____ – 21:12

This is where our fellowship/relationship with Jesus begins (See John 1:12; 10:10, 28; 15:5).

C. _____ – Build upon what happened at the shoreline.

Conclusion: Key Foundational Truths for Our Planning (**continued on other side**)

1. Jesus is present to help and has the right plan for your success.
2. Commit to the Lord and trust His directing your “casting of nets.”
3. Set aside human reasoning for God’s wisdom found in Scripture.
4. Failure is not final.
5. Accept Jesus’ invitation to receive what he has prepared for you.

Small Group Study Questions **Develop**

1. Recall a time when something did not go as planned. What was planned? What happened?

Dig

1. Read Proverbs 16:3 - How does what this verse teaches differ from our culture’s common approach to making plans?

2. How can knowing that Jesus always came at the perfect time, with the perfect question, and the perfect plan reassure you that committing your plans to Him is the best way forward?

3. Read Proverbs 3:5-6. How do these verses support the premise that human reasoning and God’s wisdom are mutually exclusive when it comes to us choosing which one to commit to in making our plans?

4. Discuss cultural issues that reflect what happens when human reasoning is regarded more than the truth of God’s Word.

5. Read John 1:12; 10:10, 27-28; 15:5. What do these verses teach us that is necessary to have fellowship with Jesus?

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1. Which of the key foundational truths (see top of handout) were most important for you to be reminded of for your planning?

2. What is a key truth that you learned from this study that you want to apply to your daily life?