

Sermon Discussion Questions

Good Plans – Ryan Finney
16 July 2023
Sermon Text: John 21:1-12

AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

Today we are discussing how to stop doubting and how to step into the presence of Jesus. In his message, **Good Plans**, Ryan Finney shares the changes we need to make to move out of our own way and fall in love with Jesus so we can receive everything he has for us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week you were asked to spend some time thinking about what baptism means. What came to mind as you reflected on the message? Did it make sense to think of baptism as spiritual warfare?
2. What was something that stood out to you from the message this week?
3. Do you consider yourself a control freak? How do you think others would answer the same question about you? Do you ever make such detailed plans that you leave little room for God to work?
4. Have you ever been filled with doubt and wanted Jesus to show up so you could believe? What happened?
5. When Peter says he's going fishing, he's really saying that he is stepping back into his old life. He is going back to being a fisherman. He is uncertain of the future and has decided to go back to something he knows. Have you ever found yourself stepping back into something familiar when faced with uncertainty?
6. Have you ever felt like you've let God down and there's no way He could ever forgive you? What is our response to something like that? What is God's response?

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. What is your favorite activity on a rainy day?
2. What is your best "fish" story? ("The one that got away" story).
3. Skydiving or bungee jumping? Why?

APPLICATION

Are there things in your life that have you focused on shame? If so, lay that shame down and step away from it. Step away from the shame and into what God has for you. Remember, Jesus doesn't look at your shame; only you do. Step into and understand how Jesus sees you – a child of God.

COMING UP

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on at NWC, go to <https://nwckc.com> or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Study materials are also available on the website or Facebook page.

Baptisms, 23 July, 9 and 11 am, Oak Park HS. See website for more details and to register.

FINAL THOUGHT

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8:1)