

I. Introduction: Jesus appeared to His disciples again before He ascended into heaven, recommissioning them to preach the Gospel to the world.

II. Jesus Recommissions the Disciples (John 21:1-14).

A. Their Failed Efforts (vv. 1-3).

1. The disciples returned to their former profession, believing that they had failed Jesus and that He did not want them to be His representatives any longer.

B. Their Faithful Pursuer (vv. 4-8).

1. Jesus tracked down the disciples and miraculously allowed them to find the fish they were seeking, to demonstrate that His power is what they needed.

C. Their Fellowship Restored (vv. 9-14).

1. Jesus provided fish and bread for the disciples on the shore, showing them that He was inviting them back into a relationship with Him.

III. Conclusion: Jesus pursues wayward sinners, invites them into fellowship, redeems them from their sins, and calls them to preach the Gospel to others.

Study Questions: Jesus Recommissions the Disciples

1. Have you ever done something unforgivable? Destroyed something? Have you ruined a relationship? Got yourself fired? Sinned against someone? Sinned against God?
2. What had Peter done that he believed was unforgivable? (**Matt 26:69-75**) How could he still be the leader Jesus said he would be? (**Matt 16:15-20**) How did John answer this question?
3. Why were the disciples in Galilee waiting for Jesus? (**Matt 28:7; Mark 16:7**) What did they do instead of waiting? (**John 21:1-3**) What was the result of fishing all night? (v. 3)
4. How did Jesus continue to pursue the disciples? (**John 21:4-8; Gen 3:8-9**) What did Jesus tell them to do? What happened when they obeyed Jesus' command? (**John 15:5**)
5. How did John determine Jesus was on the shore? (**John 21:7; Luke 5:1-11**) What did Peter do when he heard that it was Jesus? (**John 21:7**) Why did the others come in the boat?
6. What was the invitation that Jesus gave? (**John 21:12**) How is the word "come" used in the Gospels? (e.g. **Matt 11:28; Rev 22:17**) What does Jesus' invitation indicate about Him?
7. What did Peter find when he arrived at the shore? (**John 21:9-14**) How did the charcoal fire remind Peter of his failure? (**John 18:18**) How did Jesus serve the disciples?
8. How does God pursue people when they sin? (**Rom 5:8**) Have you confessed your sins and asked Him to forgive you? How will Jesus respond if you seek forgiveness? (**1 John 1:9**)

Prayer

1. Pray that God would show you how you can be forgiven of your sins and restored.
2. Ask God to help you follow Jesus wherever He wants you to go.