

Hope Revealed

Purposeless Fishing

TALK IT OVER

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

With your Bible, read John 21:1-11. Seven of our Lord's Disciples made a decision to return to the Sea to find that which they needed. This is a picture of a life lived in the energy of the flesh. They were in the right place, but they were using the wrong methods. Instead of waiting on the Lord to come and give them direction, they began doing things their way, based on what and how they knew to do.

- What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- The disciples wasted a night fishing, How much time has been wasted in your life, relying merely on your skills and strengths rather than the savior?
- "What kinds of things do most people prefer to do in the dark? Why?"
- In what areas of your life have you attempted to be self-sufficient? What have you done your way rather than the Lord's way?
- Jesus changed in an instant what they had been unable to change in an entire night! What in your life needs to be changed instantly?

In these verses, there are some truths revealed about Jesus that can and will change every individual as well as your church and mine.

1. Jesus is alive from the dead.
2. Jesus is able to control circumstances.
3. Jesus is able to control success.
4. Jesus is able to direct from afar.
5. Jesus is able to empower His people.
6. Jesus is able to supply all the needs of His people.

Use these prayer tips to talk it over with God and to expand your conversations both in person and online:

- In prayer, confess those areas of your life where you have been self-reliant and self-dependent. Ask Him for His peace and purpose.
- Commit to God in prayer that you will strive to depend on Christ and the gospel, especially during dark times.
- Pray for someone you know who's dealing with a tragedy or going through hard times. Ask God to comfort them.

BIG IDEA: Jesus restores the confidence to them that believe!

NEXT STEPS

Here are some specific things you can do this week to help you better understand why we endure difficult times and how you can build your trust in God.

Link to Life: Children

Boys and girls are able to make a heart response to Jesus as Savior. We cannot "program" this response. And we should not manipulate children into a "profession of faith" that they do not understand. What can we do then? We can share the story of Jesus, His death, and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins. And then we can give each child a chance to pray, thanking God for forgiveness, saying thank You for the gift of eternal life. Let each child, in his own way, express appreciation for and trust in the Savior.

Link to Life: Adults

Go deeper into the Bible this week and read Revelation 2:1-3 this series. Go to our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/movementchurch) and read through the daily posts that explore the ideas from this message in other parts of the Bible. Leave a comment to share how the crucified and risen Christ brings peace into your life:

Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep Talking It Over online.

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