

GOING DEEPER
May 9 & 10, 2020

Title: Never the Same –

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Text: John 21:1-19

Discussion Questions:

Peter and a few other disciples spend the evening fishing. Jesus meets them in the morning, on the shore, to share a meal and encourage them.

LOOK AT THE WORD

Simon Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, James, John and two other disciples go fishing all night and catch nothing.

Jesus calls to His disciples, knowing they have empty nets, and suggests trying again.

Jesus, the one who called them away from this profession earlier (Matthew 4:18-20), is again helping refocus them towards what they are called to do. What is the significance of Jesus calling His disciples again?

The disciples had spent years with Jesus, but when He left, they simply went back to normal.

What does it mean that Jesus could believe in them? What does it mean for Jesus to use people in His grand Gospel plan (as He reminded his disciples and re-instated Peter)? What does it mean for us now?

Peter, feed my lambs and take care of my sheep (John 21:15-17)

What did Jesus call Peter to be? What does this mean? (For more ideas, consider Matthew 16:18, or other things you know about Peter and his interactions with Jesus)

LOOK INWARD

Whatever you bring me, I can use. - Jesus

We are so good at denying our purpose. We deny who we are because we worry that we won't meet expectations or we are afraid to disappoint, or we could be judged, even rejected?

Who are you? What gets in the way of that truth? What lies of the enemy effect your ability to recognize your true self?

The Power, Occasion & Opportunity to do incredible things.

This is not the moment in history to distance from God because you are distancing from others. No, it is the exact time to come near to God because he will come near to you

1 Peter 1:6-9 ... You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.

How will you take a step to move closer to the heart of Jesus and your truest self? Who can you tell that will help support you in that?

LOOK OUTWARD

Their past would remind them but it would not define them.

We are people of the good news. Jesus brought good news with a huge catch of fish, a warm breakfast, words of encouragement and Truth.

What opportunities do you have right now to serve or get involved right where you are?

If your greatest fulfillment and satisfaction is when God uses you in the smallest of ways, then what small thing could you do today for someone in your community to experience God's grace in your life and share hope in someone else's?

NEVER STOP PRAYING

- *Praise God for His faithfulness and presence during these times of uncertainty and*
- *Thank God for the way He is providing for you in these challenging circumstances*
- *Intercede for our BC Provincial leaders as they have made new guidelines in partially opening the Province.*
- *For our health care workers who are tired and exhausted and can't see their families.*
- *For the Gospel Mission and Metro Church as they look after the rising homeless population due to spring weather*
- *For all the churches in Kelowna as they make plans to know how and when to start meeting again.*

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