



"RESTORED BY THE RISEN LORD"

John 21:1-19

April 26, 2020

Questions for Fellowship & Application

MY STORY

1. What experience do you have fishing? Have you ever caught a fish?

QUICK REVIEW

In another appearance following His resurrection, Jesus reminds his disciples of the power and grace He has for them. Attention is focused on Simon Peter who was especially aware of his frailties and failures after recently denying Jesus three times. Peter seems to have been heavy laden with guilt, but Jesus restores him by grace.

Read John 21:1-19

In view of our frailties, we praise God for...

1. The _____ of Christ (20:4-6)
2. The _____ of Christ (20:7-8)
3. The _____ of Christ (20:9-14)
4. The _____ of Christ (20:15-19)

Was any point in this weekend's message particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. It seems that Simon Peter felt he did not measure up to the standard needed for spiritual leadership. He wanted to go back to what he thought he was good at. Have you ever felt the desire to walk away from Christian service? Share.
2. Reflect on I Peter 4:7-13, written decades later in Peter's life. From this passage, what encouragement might "younger Peter" have received from "older Peter"? More importantly, how does this passage admonish you when you want to distance yourself from Christian service?
3. This weekend's message pointed out that John was first to see and Peter was first to act. Which tendency do you have? Do you prefer to think deeply about the doctrines of the faith, or be busy in the service of the church's needs?
4. This episode in the Gospel of John seems to be a sequel to Luke 5:1-11. What encouragement do you receive from that story in Luke? What perspective does it give at the congregational and personal level?
5. This episode in the Gospel of John also seems to be a precursor of a portion of Scripture written later. Perhaps Peter was thinking of this when he wrote I Peter 5:1-5. Peter was addressing elders directly. How can we all be supporting the office of elder, and our elders in particular, at Bethel Grace?