



Small Group Study Guide for May 4, 2025

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School

Theme: Jesus showed up and revealed himself a few times after the resurrection. On the shores of Sea of Galilee (Tiberias), Jesus revealed himself to some of the disciples by performing a miracle. Immediately after the miraculous catch of fish, John recognized who it was and said to Peter, “It is the Lord.” Jesus shows up in many ways to restore things to Himself and sometimes we need the reminder of others to see that restoration.

Getting Started: (sharing with each other)

1. Do you have a favorite lake, river, or ocean that you like to visit? What is so special about bodies of water?
2. If you had the chance to sit down and have breakfast with Jesus, what would you talk to him about?

In the Word: John 21:1-14

3. Jesus appears multiple times to His disciples and others after the resurrection. In John 21, we are told that this was the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised (vs. 14). Think of the different times Jesus appeared to his disciples, what is unique about each one of his appearances?
4. The Sea of Galilee (also known as Tiberias / Genessaret) plays a major role in the narrative events of the New Testament. In fact, Jesus calls some of His disciples while they are on the Sea of Galilee. Compare Luke 5:1-11 to John 21:1-19. What things are similar? What are some differences between the two events?
5. Light and darkness are major themes in John’s Gospel. John begins his Gospel by saying, “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:5). Read John 21:3-4. How much do they catch and what time is it when they are out fishing? Who shows up in verse 4 and what time is it then?

6. After Jesus shows up on the shore, the disciples and Jesus have an interaction. What does Jesus say and how do the disciples respond? Which disciple jumps into the water and swims to Jesus? Why might he do this?

In the Word: John 21:15-19

7. How do you think Jesus said those words to Peter? Do you think he was firm with Peter or gentle?
8. What is the last thing that Jesus says to Peter in verse 19? Does this remind you of Jesus first encounter with Peter?

Putting it all Together (what do we believe or do as disciples?)

9. Jesus showed up to remind his disciples that He was alive and also restore Peter. In what ways does Jesus show up in our lives?
10. The disciples caught nothing when they went out fishing in the dark. Without Jesus, our lives end up being empty. What is the purpose of following Jesus?
11. John turned to Peter and said, "It is the Lord." Sometimes we too need reminders in our life that God is at work. In what ways can we share that same news? Is there someone in your life who needs to be reassured with the good news that our Lord Jesus is alive?

Prayer: Pray that God the Father would continue to strengthen you in the ways He has promised to reveal himself. Ask Jesus to continue restoring things in your life. Pray that the Holy Spirit would enliven our hearts to see God at work in his creation bringing about the restoration of His world.