



Small Group Discussion Guide

April 8, 2018

Sermon Title:

“After”

Sermon Text: John 21:1-14

Scripture Reading: Joshua 1:7-9

Leader: *Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting. Have someone offer a brief prayer inviting God to speak and lead using the group’s discussion.*

Getting Started: What event have you attended or place have you visited that just fell short of your expectations? How did you feel afterward?

Discussion:

1. **Stay together** (v 2). Most of the disciples remained together. How does family, close friends, or a small group help when we are dealing with disappointment? How do they add to our experiences when we are celebrating victories?
2. **Take care of priorities** (v 3). The disciples still had to eat and see to important needs. Review Acts 1:12-26, how is the account revealed there similar to John 21:1-14? How do important life priorities get ignored or forgotten during times of great celebration or disappointment?
3. **Expect some setbacks** (v 3). Three or four experienced fishermen could not catch anything that night. Plans do not always go the way we envision. Have you ever experienced disappointment upon disappointment? How did you feel when they kept adding up? Why does this trend seem to come true so often?
4. **Look and listen for Jesus** (vs 4-6). The disciples knew Jesus, so why did they fail to recognize him immediately? What prevents us from seeing and hearing Jesus at work in and around us?
5. **Make time to sit with Him** (vs 7-9). Jesus had a fire ready for them to sit and share a meal with him. What are the prepared opportunities we have to sit with Jesus? Are there spontaneous opportunities made available to us? Why do we miss them?
6. **Know He will provide** (vs 10-11). The disciples went from nothing to a miraculous catch. How does Jesus take our nothings and turn it into amazing? What are our empty nets?

Closing: Close by sharing prayer requests.

Pray for each another and for the needs that were shared.

Have a blessed Holy Week. GO SHARE JESUS!