

Misunderstood No More

CORE TRUTH

The finished work of the Jesus brings us peace, and a deeper understanding of who he truly is.

SCRIPTURE

and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. 14 This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

HEAD to help us examine what the word shows and let in what's true.

- As you read this passage, what stands out to you about the disciples' growing understanding of who Jesus is?
- What does this encounter reveal about the character of the risen Jesus?

HEART to help us wrestle with what we believe and be with each other in it.

- As we've walked through John's Gospel, has there been a way you've realized you were misunderstanding Jesus—his character, his love, his purposes, or what he asks of you?
- Jesus meets his disciples on the shore with a meal already prepared. What does this ordinary, gracious act reveal about his heart? Is there anything about his character that you still struggle to believe is true of him?
- Looking back over this entire series, what truth about Jesus has become more beautiful or meaningful to you?

HANDS to help us bring the truth into our lives and go out into the world with the Holy Spirit.

- Reflect this week: ask the Lord to help you rest more deeply in who he is and what he has accomplished.
- Read John 14:27 & 16:33 below and give space for a time of prayer as a group in response:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have trouble. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP GUIDELINES

- **Safe Group:** We strive for an environment where everyone can be open and honest about his or her struggles and victories.
- **Confidentiality:** What is said in the group stays in the group.
- **Listen:** We value one another by really listening to what is being shared. Try to avoid thinking about how you are going to respond while someone is sharing.
- **Pause:** Allowing a pause in the conversation after someone shares gives them a true chance to finish. A Pause also gives the group an opportunity to consider before responding.
- **Silence:** Allowing silence in the group provides an opportunity for people to think deeply, gather their thoughts in order to share, and genuinely consider what others have shared.
- **One Conversation at a Time:** Be considerate of others as they are sharing. No side conversations.
- **No Fixing:** We are not here to fix each other; Jesus does that part. Give encouragement and ask questions, but try not to solve or fix one another.
- **No Rescuing:** When people are sharing something deeply personal, please resist the tendency to try to make them feel better about themselves or their situation by providing immediate condolences. This will often cause people to stop sharing.
- **Be Curious:** By asking the next question, we communicate genuine interest. We keep the conversation moving forward while building relationships and intimacy.
- **Be Self-Aware:** Be mindful of how you are personally affecting the small group environment through your words, actions, and non-verbal communication. Be sensitive about the amount of time you share, whether too much (dominating) or not enough (hiding).
- **Use "I" Statements:** It is very easy to talk about other people's issues, but, for our purposes, we want to put ourselves on the table. Use "I" statements rather than "them", "the church", "people", "you", "us", "we", etc.
- **Resolve Conflict Biblically:** As a group we commit to extend grace to one another. Conflict is not bad, it's an opportunity for growth. We are all being transformed to be more like Jesus. Conflict and change are a part of that journey. (Matthew 18)
- **Manage Technology:** Let's respect one another by silencing alerts on our devices.

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