



1. Fortify your faith in the Lord [John 21:1-14]
 - a) Futility: People are limited [vs. 1-3]
 - b) Ability: The Lord is unlimited [vs. 4-8]
 - c) Humility: The Lord's gracious invitation [vs. 9-14]

2. Find forgiveness in the Lord [John 21:15-23]
 - a) Love the Lord by following Him and feeding others [vs. 15-17]
 - b) Love the Lord by suffering for Him [vs. 18-19]
 - c) Love the Lord by focusing on your calling [vs. 20-23]

POINT: Trust Jesus as your forgiving Lord.



QUESTIONS

ICEBREAKER: What is the last goal you achieved?

1. Was Jesus' self-revelation to His disciples more than just proving He was alive [John 21:1 & 14]? What else do you observe about Him in this chapter [cf. John 14:8-11; Colossians 1:15; and Hebrews 1:1-4]?
2. Do you think Peter and the other six disciples were being disobedient or foolish by going fishing that night [John 21:2-5]? What lesson were they being taught [cf. Matthew 4:19; Matthew 19:27-30; and Luke 5:1-11]?
3. What does the sudden filling of the net indicate about Jesus [John 21:6-7]? What did the disciples learn from this experience [cf. Psalm 95:1-6; Acts 4:24; and Acts 14:15]?
4. During the breakfast on the beach [John 21:9-13], in what capacity was Jesus acting? What does this indicate about His identity and character [cf. Exodus 16:1-36; Deuteronomy 8:1-4; and John 6:1-13]?
5. Why did Jesus repeat His question to Peter three times in John 21:15-19? What two commands did He give Peter to do to reclaim his usefulness for Christ's kingdom [cf. Luke 22:31-32; John 14: 15 & 21; and 1 Peter 5:1-4]?
6. Why do you think Peter was interested in John's future fate in John 21:18-23? What is it about human nature that arouses our curiosity about others to compare with them [cf. Matthew 7:1-5; Luke 6:37-38; and 2 Corinthians 10:12]?
7. What did you find helpful or challenging about this Sunday's message?

*"I know the resurrection is a fact, and Watergate proved it to me.
How? Because 12 men testified they had seen
Jesus raised from the dead, then they proclaimed
that truth for 40 years, never once denying it.
Everyone was beaten, tortured, stoned, and put in prison.
They would not have endured that if it weren't true.
Watergate embroiled 12 of the most powerful
men in the world - and they couldn't keep
a lie for three weeks. You're telling me 12 apostles
could keep a lie for 40 years?
Absolutely impossible."*

Chuck Colson