

Sermon Questions 4.7
Dave Stevanus & Corey Long - Jesus is Our Redeemer– John 21

Connect

Share a time when a trusted friend or family member has called you out or suggested a different way of doing something. What was your response?

What was one of the best meals you've ever had?

Message Recap

Part 1

Gone fishin' (v1-4)

Sometimes you fish but don't catch (v4-8)

The miracle of obedience

Eventually they knew (v9-14)

1. A charcoal fire
2. Jesus wants to use what we have
3. Jesus is inviting us to a meal with him
4. Last thing: 153 fish

Part 2

Three times undone (v15-17)

Jesus restores (v18-19)

Stay focused and follow me! (v20-21)

Engage & Apply

Read John 21:4-6 and 2 Timothy 3:16. How do you respond when the Holy Spirit convicts you or suggests a different way of acting or responding?

In verses 7-11, Peter immediately got dressed and jumped into the water when he recognized Jesus. What does this reveal about Peter's character and his relationship with Jesus? What can we learn from this?

Read Luke 5:1-6. Discuss the similarities between this miracle and the one in John 21. How does the experience in Luke 5 solidify Jesus' identity with the disciples in John 21?

Think of a time when Jesus has given you a second chance to redeem a response or reaction. In Peter's denial of Jesus and subsequent restoration in this passage, what lessons can we draw about the nature of forgiveness, grace, and second chances in our own lives?

Dig Deeper (group or individual)

Corey pointed out the differences between the 3 directives given to Peter in verses 15-17:

"Feed my lambs" (young in the faith)

"Tend my sheep" (more mature believers)

"Feed my sheep" (strong and steady believers)

What does it look like to fulfill these commands in our families, communities, and the church?

In verses 21-22, Jesus responds to Peter's curiosity about John with "What is that to you? You must follow me." How does Jesus' response reflect on our tendency to compare our own journey with others' and what does it teach us about focusing on our personal walk with Christ?

Can you identify moments when you've denied (either purposely or accidentally) His goodness and truth in your life? Think about your marriage, family, job, etc. Take some time to confess them here, and then pray for one another.

Prayer

Lord, please show us where we need to give you the credit for the blessings and goodness in our lives. Show us how to be the Imago Dei to the sheep in our lives, building one another up. Give us opportunities to shine your light to the world. Thank you for redeeming us on the cross and restoring our relationship with you. We are grateful to be called your sheep and children of God. In Jesus' name, amen.

1 Thessalonians 5:14-18:

"And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."