

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of May 14, 2017

This Week's Focus: Jesus is the all-powerful, eternally existent Son of God who supplies all that we need to live on mission with him to seek and to save lost sinners.

This Week's Text: John 21:1-14

"The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

1 Corinthians 15:56-58

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What is the setting of this week's text? Why are the disciples in Galilee (Matthew 28:10) and why are they fishing?
- Why were the disciples unsuccessful in their fishing expedition? Were they out of practice, simply unlucky, or was something preventing them from catching fish?
- If Jesus is omniscient (all-knowing) why did he ask the disciples if they had caught any fish? Can you resonate with the disciple's situation?
- Discuss how the gospel teaches us that we are all colossal failures in need of Jesus' work on the cross.
- Discuss times that you have failed and how you responded (ex., confusion, anger, depression, etc.). Is your identity firmly established in Jesus Christ and his redeeming and sustaining grace, or is it dependent on your own efforts and success? How do you handle success?
- Compare and contrast John 21:1-14 with a similar story in Luke 5:1-11. What are the similarities and differences?
- How does Jesus reveal himself to his disciples in this passage? How does Peter respond?
- What mission has the Church been given that is guaranteed to succeed (1 Corinthians 15:56-58)? Why can we be certain that declaring and demonstrating the gospel will bear fruit

(1 Corinthians 3:6-7)? If success depends on Christ's work, what is our responsibility in the mission?

- Have you experienced the joy that comes with knowing Jesus and participating in his mission to seek and to save lost sinners?
- Why did the disciples eat with Jesus in silence? What kept them from asking the question that was on all their minds (verse 12)? How do you think you'll respond when you see the risen Christ at his return?