

“Back From Emptiness” Group Guide

Series: Back to Life

Passage: John 21:1-14

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ICEBREAKER:

Do you like to go fishing? If so, share your “best catch” stories.

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Encounter with Jesus is the only thing that can **satisfy our emptiness**

- **Unconditional obedience.**
- **Passionate pursuit.**
- **Willing surrender.**
- **Joyful reception.**

Since Jesus is **alive**, we can live **satisfied**.



Learning His Way

(Every week in these studies, we will ask questions about the Scriptures that try to help us discover the unique way of Jesus found in the text.)

1. Read John John 21:1-14.
2. Read Luke 5:1-11. Compare and contrast these encounters.
3. The resurrected Jesus is not recognized by the disciples. Why do you think this is? (See also John 20:15, Luke 24:15-16, 30-31.)
4. Read John 15:5. How does this correlate with the empty nets?



Forming His Heart

(This is the part of the study where we work on our hearts. “How does my character need to grow and change because of this passage?”)

5. Do you find unconditional obedience an easy task? Why or why not?
6. Jesus, the good shepherd (John 10:11), feeds His sheep in their hour of need. Is there a lack/a need that you are experiencing that Jesus wants you to admit and faithfully pursue Him for provision?
7. Being invited to a meal signifies friendship and hospitality. Even though Peter rejected Him, Jesus invited him to a meal. How does this challenge you?



Joining His Mission

(This is the part of the study that we ask, “What would God want us to do because of this passage?”)

8. Is there an area of your life that is difficult to surrender? What small “yes” can you trust the Lord with today?
9. Watch [this story](#) highlight about vocational stewardship. How might a small “yes” in your current rhythm of life lead to God blessing others through you?
10. Share a time you passionately pursued something out of obedience to the Lord. How did your faith grow because of this?