

Just One More Thing –

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John 21:1-25

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Reflection & Discussion Questions

We may be longing for things to get back to normal

*What 'normal' things are you missing?

*What things, big and small, are you grieving due to this pandemic?

Read and discuss John 21:5-9 (NIV)

⁵ He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

⁶ He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

*What is this passage saying? What does it tell us about God?

*How do you identify with the disciples here?

Jesus showed up in some normal, recognizable places to draw the disciples in

But he also knows things will never really go back to the way they were before this.

*When is a time he has shown up in your normal or pursued you in a personal way?

Read and discuss John 21:15-19 (NIV)

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

¹⁶ Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

¹⁷ The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you

where you do not want to go.” ¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

*What is this passage saying? What does it tell us about God? What is it asking of us?

*How would you describe how Jesus is relating to Peter?

Jesus sometimes brings us back to a failure or wounding

Our hearts need to heal to get to his better, new normal for us.

*Why should we pay attention to our wounds?

*What has he brought you back to for healing? What new perspectives have you learned from it?

*What things do you think Jesus would like to restore in you?

Jesus has a new normal for us

One where a lot of things in our lives don't really matter and some things we've overlooked actually do.

*What things would you like to carry with you into a new normal?

*What things would you like to leave behind?

Visual reflection (Visio Divina)* [Feed My Sheep](#) by David Koch

Song for reflection [The Dawn \(Help is on the Way\)](#) by New Life Worship

*Visio divina – a thoughtful and slow way of contemplating a visual prompt like a piece of art, photograph or image and inviting God to speak to you through it. First, focus on the detail that your eyes are drawn to right away – keep focus there and pay attention to what thoughts and emotions you are having. Then, look at the entire image and consider it as a whole, being aware of thoughts, questions and emotions it provokes. End in silence and prayer, considering your experience and anything you feel called to respond to.