



Connect Group Discussion Guide

Sunday Message - 7/19/20 | Tyler Myers | John 21:1-14

NEW Redeems Our Story: New Mission!

Key Scriptures:

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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Message Highlights:

- Mimesis: to imitate or mime (this can be positive or negative—depending upon what others imitate of us)
- New redeems our STORY. It moves us from our past (what I once was) to what I am now. Jesus helps us reimagine a redemptive future. When Jesus redeems our story, he gives us a new mission.
- In this passage, Jesus is seen and known. He directed the disciples and they were obedient and abundantly rewarded.
- We need to remember that we don't go out on our own, but rather within the presence of the One who fills the nets. He wants to meet us within our ordinary lives, but we need to be ready to see him a variety of ways. We are flawed, but He is gracious.
- What does he want from us? To love and follow him, to feed and tend to his sheep.
- We are only human, but we have been given a mission of eternal impact. Jesus came as a missionary from God; he sent the disciples out on mission to have an eternal impact.

Conversation Starter:

- Have you ever had someone imitate one of your actions, your speech, or your attitude? What was your response to it when you saw this reflection of yourself?

Discuss the Message:

1. Tyler mentioned mission drift. How do we know what God's mission is for us, and how do we evaluate whether or not we've drifted from it?
2. Jesus wants to meet us in the ordinary rhythms of life—and we must be ready to see him in a variety of ways. Talk about some of the ways you have met him in your ordinary life.
3. Jesus came as a missionary from God to the disciples, who in turn were sent on a mission within their sphere of influence. How would you describe your sphere of influence? What is your mission there?
4. What are some of the changes you've seen in yourself when it comes to "who you used to be" and "who you've become?"

Pray:

- Pray for one another.

Heavenly Father, Thank You for giving us the incredible gift of becoming someone new through Your Son.

Jesus, we are so grateful for who you are and how you love us. Thank you for demonstrating who we are to become.

Holy Spirit, help us to discern the will of the Father and when we have drifted from our mission. Open our eyes so that we can see opportunities to serve those within our sphere of influence. Create in us a pure heart that longs only for You and Your desire for our lives.

We pray that our lives will be a reflection of You so that others will come to know You and love You fully.

Amen.