

# Because He Lives Week 4

## Discussion Guide

### “Breakfast with Grace”

John 21:1–19

## Leader Setup (Quick Notes)

- Read the passage out loud together first
- Move slowly, don't rush the story
- Let the text do the work
- Use follow-ups like:
  - “What do you see in the text?”
  - “Why do you think that matters?”
  - “Can you say more about that?”

## PART 1: Back to the Boat (vv. 1-3)

1. What do you notice about how this story begins? What are the disciples doing?
2. Why might Peter say, “I am going fishing”? What do you think is going on beneath the surface?
3. How might Peter's recent denial of Jesus shape how he's thinking or acting here?
4. When people experience failure, what are some common ways they respond?

*Follow-up:*

Do you think this moment feels like rest... or retreat? Why?

## PART 2: Jesus on the Shore (vv. 4-8)

5. What stands out to you about how Jesus appears to them?
6. Why do you think they don't recognize Him at first?
7. What happens when they follow Jesus' instruction about the nets?
8. What leads to the moment where they realize: “It is the Lord”?

*Follow-up:*

What do you notice about the connection between **obedience and recognition** here?

## PART 3: The Fire and the Meal (vv. 9-14)

9. What details do you notice about the setting when they get to shore?
10. Why do you think John specifically mentions a **charcoal fire**? (Connection to John 18:18)
11. What might be significant about Peter being around a similar setting again, but this time with Jesus present?
12. What does Jesus do before He says anything about Peter's failure?

*Follow-up:*

What does this teach us about how Jesus approaches people who have failed?

## PART 4: "Do You Love Me?" (vv. 15-17)

13. Why do you think Jesus asks Peter the same question three times?
14. What do you notice about what Jesus does *not* ask Peter?
15. What does this conversation focus on instead of Peter's failure?
16. Each time Peter answers, Jesus says, "Feed my sheep." What do you think that means?

*Follow-up:*

What is the connection between **loving Jesus** and **caring for others**?

## PART 5: Restoration and Calling (vv. 18-19)

17. After restoring Peter, what does Jesus call him to do?
18. What stands out to you about the fact that Jesus still gives Peter responsibility?
19. Why might it be hard for someone to step back into calling after failure?

*Follow-up:*

What does this passage teach about how Jesus views people who have failed?

## PART 6: Key Themes & Big Ideas

20. What do you see in this passage about how Jesus handles:
  - failure
  - shame
  - restoration

21. “Jesus doesn’t avoid the place of failure, He redeems it.” Where do you see that in the story?
22. What’s the difference between:
  - forgiveness
  - and restoration + calling?

## PART 7: Make It Personal

23. Where are you most tempted to “go back to the boat” after failure?
24. Is there an area of your life where you feel like: “I’ve probably disqualified myself from that”?
25. What would it look like for you to hear Jesus ask: “Do you love me?”, not as pressure, but as invitation?
26. Where might Jesus be inviting you to step back in instead of staying on the sidelines?

## PART 8: Living It Out

27. What is one specific step of obedience you may have been avoiding?
28. Who is one person you could “care for” or “feed” this week in a practical way?
29. What would it look like for your love for Jesus to become visible in your actions this week?

## Closing Moment

Invite each person to reflect silently or share:

**“This week, I want to step back into \_\_\_\_\_.”**

Then close in prayer, asking Jesus to:

- meet you in your failures
- restore what feels broken
- and give you courage to step forward again