

LOOK BACK

Talk

- What are you thankful for as you think about this past week?
- What are you going through right now that you need God's help for? How can we pray for you?
- Who do you know that needs our prayers and how can we pray for them together today?
- Last week, we looked at Jesus' encounter with his disciples in John 20:19-31...how did Jesus' message of peace encourage you this past week? Did you share his peace with anyone?

LOOK UP

Read & Retell

- One person read John 21:1-19 out loud and the rest follow along.
- Someone else retell the story and others fill in what is missing.

Discussion Questions

John 21:1-14

- 1) Why do you think Peter went to go fishing in verse 3?
- 2) What significance would the events in verses 4-7 have to the disciples? (look at Luke 5:1-11)
 - a. How might this be an encouragement to them with all that had happened in the past two weeks?
- 3) What is the significance of the charcoal fire in verse 9? (look at John 18:15-18 and Luke 22:54-62)
 - a. Why do you think Jesus would want Peter to face the memory of his denial of Jesus?

John 21:15-19

- 1) Why does Jesus ask Peter three times if he loves him in verses 15-18? (HINT: How many times did Peter deny Jesus?)
- 2) After each time Jesus asks Peter if he loves him, what does he tell Peter to do?
- 3) Peter went on to become a significant figure in spreading the gospel and building the church in the book of Acts. What impact did Jesus' words and actions have in making that happen?

LOOK FORWARD

Application Questions

- 1) Are there things you have done that make you feel like you have failed God?
 - a. How far do you believe Jesus has gone or will go to restore you?
- 2) Who are the "lambs" that God has given you to feed?
 - a. Who are 3 people in your life that need to hear of the restoring love of Jesus this week?