



WHERE IS YOUR CAMPFIRE?

This chapter has a wonderful scene around a campfire, where the Lord serves the disciples. Where and when was your first 'campfire' with the Lord? How was it similar?

LET'S LEARN FROM GOD'S WORD, THE SCRIPTURES

We're in the final chapter of "The Gospel of John." We have walked with Jesus through His early ministry, heard His amazing teachings, and seen the signs that reveal that He is indeed the Messiah, the promised Christ. Jesus said that He came to give us eternal life by dying in our place and that He would rise from the dead. All of this has happened and in this final chapter, Jesus will again appear to the disciples. Read through John 21 and consider these questions. (Note: This appearance occurred between the beginning of the second week and the "Ascension" in Acts 1. They are at the Sea of Galilee where Jesus had spent much time with them and where he first called some to "Follow me.")

What happens in this encounter? (Who, what?)

What do you think was Jesus' purpose(s) in this time with the disciples?

Why might the disciples have been fishing?

Jesus called out, "Hey guys" and suggested that they cast their net to the right side of the boat. (5-6) Why do you think they followed His suggestion? What memories would this trigger? (See Luke 5:1-5)

How would you compare the responses of the disciples to seeing Jesus again?

What happened around the campfire? What does this reveal about our Lord?

What do you notice about the catch of fish? How was this relevant to Jesus' call and their life purpose? (See Mark 1:17; John 1:43. By the way, it was common for fishermen to count their catch.)

In verses 15-17, the focus moves from the group of disciples to one disciple, Peter. What happens in this encounter? (See also John 13:38) What do you notice about Jesus' questions? What was Jesus' goal?

Jesus used a phrase that means 'Hey, listen up! I'm going to reveal a solemn truth' (18-19). What did Jesus reveal? How is this relevant to Peter in light of his statement in John 13:37?

How did Peter respond to Jesus' prophecy? (20-21) How did Jesus respond to Peter's response? (22)

How would you describe the various aspects of Jesus' call on Peter's life? (15-22)

Jesus repeated His command "Follow Me" (Lit. "Keep on following me") and "You must follow me." (19, 22) How do these represent Jesus' purpose for Peter and the resolve that Peter would need?

How does the author, the Apostle John, conclude His gospel? (24-25)

DISCUSS TOGETHER

Have you ever felt like Peter – that you were disqualified or lost favor with God? If so, what helped you feel restored or that the Lord still loves you and/or works through you?

How is Jesus' call on Peter's life also our calling (i.e. all aspects of verses 15-22)?

We all face the temptation to compare ourselves with others and their situation in life. Here, we see Peter's comparison with John and his lot in life. How does Jesus speak into this temptation?

LET'S PRAY

- For the suffering people in our worlds (local and global)
- For our global workers, their ministries, their situation
- For our Elders as they love and serve our family
- For our International Friendship Connection team
- For God to work in those who attended Easter services (here and beyond)