

# Goldstone Church

## Small Group Questions

### *John 21:1-14*

#### **For Starting**

- Describe the biggest fish you have caught or eaten.
- How much control do you think we have over the circumstances of our lives?
- Do you ever feel like a failure? How do you handle your feelings? Share one positive and negative situation.
- Should we rely on God only in “spiritual” things? How about in physical things?

#### **For Reviewing**

- Who got together to go fishing (v.1-3)? When did they fish?
- Where was Jesus when He spoke to the disciples (v.4)?
- What did Jesus ask the fishermen about (v.5)?
- On what side of the boat did Jesus tell the disciples to throw their nets (v.6)? What happened next?
- How did Peter and the disciples get to the shore (v.7-8)?
- What did the disciples find when they got ashore (v.9-10)?
- How many fish were caught, and nets broken (v.11)?
- Describe what Jesus and His disciples did (v.12-14)?

#### **For Discussion**

- Why do you think Peter suggested to go fishing (v.3)?
- Compare v.6 with Luke 5:4-7. How are the two events different; how are they similar?
- Do you think that the disciples felt like failures and unfit to serve Jesus? Why / why not? How did this BBQ change that?
- What would cause someone to be “spoiled” in his/her ability to do great things for God?
- *“Experiencing the abundant supply of Christ begins with us understanding our inadequacy.”* Do you agree/disagree? Why?
- Why is “dining with Jesus” the foundation for serving Him? What happens when we let this activity slide?
- You could end by reading together John 21:6.

## **John 21:1-14 (NIVUK)**

### **Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish**

<sup>1</sup> Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way: <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. <sup>3</sup> "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus.

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

"No," they answered.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. <sup>9</sup> When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."

<sup>11</sup> Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.