

Sermon Guide – July 30, 2023 – Breakfast on the Beach

Read through John 21:1-17. Remember that this happens within two weeks of Jesus' crucifixion, death, and resurrection. What is the significance of Peter and the other disciples' decision to go fishing?

There is much symbolism in this passage:

After a night of failed fishing, the disciples catch a boatload of fish when Jesus gets involved. Remember when Jesus called Peter to be his follower. Same story.

The disciples catch 153 fish. Scholars are divided on what this means. Some say it represents the 153 different species of fish known to inhabit the Sea of Galilee. In that, it signifies that Jesus has come to save ALL people of the world. Other scholars say it just represents a big number – the enormity of the catch when Jesus gets involved.

Jesus invites the disciples to join him for breakfast – bread and fish on the shore – reminiscent of the loaves and fishes served to 5000+.

Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves him. Three times! Why is that significant?

What is your takeaway from John 21?

What stands out to you about our Fishing Stories worship series?