

Weekly Study Guide

The week of April 28, 2013

Daily Readings

Monday	Luke 5:1-11	Tuesday	Matthew 4:12-22	Wednesday	John 21:1-9
Thursday	John 21:10-17	Friday	Revelation 2:1-4	Saturday	Psalm 46:1-11

My notes on this week's readings...

Next Week in Worship

Next week's message: *Down and Out*

Next week's readings: Matthew 28:18-20

Join us next week for our *Awake* series as we continue to see how Jesus' resurrection awakened his first disciples to a whole new life in his kingdom and what that means for our lives today. Next week, we will be focusing Jesus' calling to participate in his mission to make disciples of all nations.



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Group Discussion

Connect	If you could go fishing with any person that has ever lived who would it be? Why? How about any living person? Why?
Learn	<p>Pick two people in your group to read John 21:1-9 two different times. Try to imagine yourself as one of the disciples.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In the first reading, think about how you would be feeling before Jesus showed up in the story. What one word or phrase would you use to describe your experience?• The second time, think about how Jesus' presence and leadership changed their experience? What one word or phrase would you use to describe this?• What lessons do you think this taught His disciples about serving in His mission in the world?• How does Jesus' promise in John 15:4-6 echo in this passage (yes, leading question)? Do you see any other Biblical principles at work here?• Try reading the passage again. This time, picture yourself in the story and spend some quiet time in prayer. What area of your life do you find to be unfruitful, frustrating, or meaningless? How would God's presence and leading bring a change to your experience? <p>Read John 21:10-13. After this amazing experience, Jesus does the most ordinary thing. He shares a meal with His disciples.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you could share a meal with the Resurrected Jesus, what question would you want to ask Him?• Why do you think it is significant that Jesus shared an ordinary meal with them?• Discuss the significance of this statement: the most often repeated promise in the Bible is "I will be with you"• How does God's presence with you change your daily experience of ordinary life? In what ways do you struggle with this? <p>Read John 21:15-17: Jesus comes to Peter and restores him to His extraordinary mission. He calls Peter to care for others with the same love He has shown him.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How do you think Peter felt in this interaction with Jesus? Why?• How do you think shame keeps people from believing they can be used by God? Why?• How do you think this moment gave Peter hope and direction in his life?
Apply	<p>What barrier (s) keeps you from serving God's extraordinary mission in your life? (Insisting on your own way? Busyness? Shame? Fear? Unbelief that God wants to work through you?)</p> <p>How is God awakening you to find more of His presence and purpose in your life?</p>
Pray	<p>Spend some time praising and thanking God for how He has given you meaning and purpose in your life. Pray for a heart to be more aware of God's presence and purpose in your daily life. Pray for the church, that God would lead more and more people to find faith, love, and hope in Christ.</p>