

From Following to Leading

John 21:1 Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way: *2* Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. *3* "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. *4* Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. *5* He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. *6* 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. *7* 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. *8* The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. *9* When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. *10* Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." *11* 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. *12* Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. *13* Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. *14* This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

In this Series, We Will Learn That . . .

. . . There is a beginning and ending to _____. We need to welcome changes and look for the _____ they provide.

Some Background

1. This story happens as _____ as several _____ after John 20.
2. We see again that Jesus had a _____ body and was able to _____ (phaneroō) Himself at will.

John 21:1 Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, . . . *14* This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

3. For the first time since chapter 7, the story takes place _____ of _____ and Judea. Everyone is back home in the _____.

John 7:1 After this, Jesus went around in Galilee, . . .

The Sea of Tiberias --

John 6:1 Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias),

4. _____ of the disciples are together in the Galilee and have followed the _____ of Jesus. But _____ is happening.

Matt. 28:10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

5. This location for sharing the bread and fish is _____ as is the miracle of the _____ of fish.

Luke 5:5 Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught

anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." *6* When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.

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1. Since Jesus isn't giving _____, Simon Peter declares that he is going _____. He is not referring to a hobby but a _____!

-- Jesus told them that they would _____ to their _____.

John 16:32 "But a time is coming, and has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home.

-- The disciples get into a _____ boat.

John 21:3 . . . So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

-- Jesus _____ to this vocation as a _____.

John 21:15 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" . . .

2. Jesus asked them about their _____ of success! He calls them "_____." (paidion)

John 21:5 He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered.

3. Jesus tells them to try fishing on the _____ side of the boat. This is _____ to a fisherman, but it _____!

John 21:6 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.

4. John _____ Jesus, but Peter _____ into the water and swam to shore to be _____ his Master.

John 21:7 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.

5. Jesus offered the disciples _____ and _____ and suggested that they eat some of the _____ that were just caught.

6. Peter, single-handedly, brings the net _____ of 153 _____ fish, but even though the net was full, it did not _____!

John 21:11 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.

-- The significance of the _____, 153.

-- The significance of the _____ net.

The Lessons that We Learn

1. It is important that we get to _____ for the _____ of the kingdom. If we are doing the _____ thing, we will be _____!

2. When we _____ Christ, He is able to direct our _____ for His _____ and for our _____!