

Discipleship Notes 4: April 2020

“Breakfast with Jesus”

John 21: 1-25

Opening Worship:

Read: Psalm 73:1-2 & 23-28

“you hold me by my right hand”

Can you recall a time when your ‘feet had almost slipped’?

How did you encounter God as a result of this?

Let these thoughts guide your opening prayers.

Welcome:

We think that Easter must have been an amazing experience for everyone involved. Imagine. You thought Jesus was dead – but now he is alive!

But what if you had been one of those whose ‘feet had slipped’? How would you have felt about that Easter event?

Think of how the disciples had reacted to Jesus’ arrest, crucifixion and resurrection.

Some had betrayed Jesus. Others had denied knowing Jesus. All had fled. All had hidden. All had been genuinely fearful.

And now we encounter some of the disciples back in Galilee.

Reading John 21: 1-14

- Where were the disciples?
- Can you tell us something about the place where you were born and grew up? Do you have a place that you would call ‘home’? Would you like to go back and settle there again?

- What does Simon Peter say in verse 3. Why did the others choose to go with him?
- Provide a brief summary of what happened. If you had been one of the disciples, how would you have felt at the end of an unproductive night of fishing?
- How do they recognise who the stranger on the shore is?
- Why did Jesus encourage the disciples to catch 153 fish when he already had fish cooking for breakfast?

Reading 2: Luke 5: 1-11

- What happened in Luke 5: 1-11? Are there any links with what we've just read in John 21?
- Why do you think these 2 incidents are recorded?

Reading 3: John 21: 15-25

- Why was Peter reinstated by Jesus?
- Look up Matthew 16: 15-18.

Try to list some reasons as to why Peter was a suitable person to lead the formation of this new, international organisation that would have millions – and eventually billions – of members.

Can you think of any reasons as to why Peter might be unsuitable?

Prayer Pointers:

- We pray for those who work in the NHS and pharmacies.
- We ask that God will strengthen families and grant them peace.

- We remember those who are self-isolating at home. May God help them to stay well and content.
- We pray for national leaders and those with expertise in medicine and science. May God lead our nations to a solution to this covid-19 crisis.