

Small Group W/C is 8/4/2024



Follow Me: Business as Usual?

1. Pray! Ask God to guide you as you open up and unpack scripture. Specifically, ask God for sensitivity as we discuss possible differences in our understanding.

John 21: 1-22

The Miracle of the Fish

2. What surprises you about this passage?
3. Why might this smaller group of disciples have retreated to familiar territory (in the valley, not the mountain Jesus had said he'd met them at)?
4. Why do you think they decided to go fishing?
5. They clearly weren't expecting Jesus (they weren't all together and they didn't recognise him). When have you experienced Jesus when you least expected to?
6. What is significant about the miracle of the fish? Why did they count them (153)?

Jesus' Instructions to Peter

7. Consider the subtle differences in the 3 apparent repetitions of Jesus' instructions:
 - i. Feed my lambs (feeding, nurturing young lambs).
 - ii. Take care of my Sheep (leading mature animals).
 - iii. Feed my Sheep (feeding, nurturing older sheep).
8. Consider the details of "Follow Me"
 - i. Peter's predicted nature of death.
 - ii. Not to worry about the other disciples 'calling'.
How does this affect us?
9. How might any of these things affect our approach to this season of sabbatical?