Week of April 20th-26th

Opening Prayer: Begin with a prayer thanking God for the resurrection of Jesus and asking for guidance in understanding and applying the lessons from the sermon.

Icebreaker: What is a memorable meal that you have shared with friends or family that brought you closer together? How did it impact your relationships?

Discussion Questions

- 1. The Miracle of the Catch (John 21:1-6)
 - The disciples followed Jesus' instructions to cast their nets on the right side of the boat, even after a fruitless night. How can we remain open to Jesus' guidance when we feel tired and/or discouraged?
- 2. Dinner for Breakfast (John 21:7-14)
 - The disciples recognized Jesus even though He appeared different in His glorified body. How might we expand our understanding of recognizing brothers or sisters in Christ not by how they look?
- 3. Restoration (John 21:15-17)
 - Jesus asks Peter three times, "Do you love me?" and three times Peter affirms His love for Jesus. How does Jesus' three-fold command to "feed my lambs, tend my sheep, feed my sheep, instruct us in relation to the connection between loving Jesus and serving others?
- 4. The Cost of Following Jesus (John 21:18-19)
 - The sermon emphasizes that our restoration also requires a love for Jesus that prioritizes Him above all else. What are some practical ways we can demonstrate this kind of love in our daily lives?
- 5. The Journey is Individual (John 21:20-23)
 - Peter wanted to know John's fate from Jesus, but Jesus redirects Peter's focus back to his own journey. Why
 do we sometimes get caught up in comparing our journey with someone else's journey? How can we better
 stay focused on our own personal calling?

Application:

- Personal Reflection: Peter believed this was Jesus and that belief would not have changed if Peter decided to just remain a fisherman in Galilee for the remainder of his life. Discuss the difference in belief in Jesus and making Jesus Lord of your life.
- 2. Group Challenge: Is there an area of your life where you feel God calling you to better prioritize your love for Jesus over other things? How can this group support you in making that happen?

Closing Prayer: Ask God to help each person in the group to love Jesus more deeply and to follow Him more faithfully, trusting in the journey He has laid out for them, even when it is costly. Thank God for the restoration He has offered through the death, burial, and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ.