

Revealed

Title: Next step
Date: Sunday 22nd April 2018
Reading: John 21:1-9

'Gone fishing'

Faced with the overwhelming truth that Jesus had risen from the dead - and everything had now changed, we read that the disciples decided to go fishing.

This retreat to their comfort zone, simpler times, is something we can all find ourselves doing when we feel overwhelmed and/or not sure of our next step. What are the benefits and dangers of doing this?

Jesus doesn't get mad at them, but meets them in order to move forward again. Four things they (we) need to do to discover our next step with God...

Listen to the Word of God (Jesus/Bible) v6

The Bible sets out truths about God and how He calls us to approach and engage with life. Has God already said something about the situation you face? How might we/you know the Word of God better?

Listen together v8

God never intended for us to do life on our own, He loves and saves us personally, but places us in His family, the church. How have other Christians helped you discern the next step? What are the dangers of excluding ourselves from doing life with God's family?

Respond to 'God prompts' v8

When the disciples realised Jesus was speaking specifically to them; Peter jumped out of the boat and the rest of the disciples started rowing towards Jesus. How does God specifically speak to you/us? How do you respond when you hear Jesus speaking specifically to you?

See what Jesus has done v9

Jesus was waiting for them with fire, fish and bread. What difference does it make, knowing that Jesus has gone before us and has prepared good things for us? (Psalms 23:5) Have you experienced any examples of this?

Key: Get close to Jesus

When we are overwhelmed or unsure of the next step, it is easy to 'go fishing'. We step away from God, maybe even blame God for how we are feeling. The Key is to get closer to Him. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. How are you going to get closer to see the next step?

Notes