



John 21:1-12 (paraphrased) Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: “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.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?” “No,” they answered.

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.

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 jumped into the water, making a beeline for Jesus. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught... Come and have breakfast.”

Icebreaker

Tell a story about fishing. OR Who would you most like to be “Friends” with from the tv show Friends?

Conversation Starters

1. Who are your favorite characters from literature, movies or tv shows and how do you see transformation in them over time?
2. Name one or two ways you have transformed in the last two years? How have you changed?
3. Do you remember the first time you failed and grew or changed as a result?
4. How did your family of origin handle failure? Ignore, shame, blame, explain away, punish, lecture or something else?
5. Who was your favorite “coach” so far in life? What made them a good coach for you?
6. What would change for you if you viewed Jesus as your coach, standing on the shore of your life, asking gentle questions and giving suggestions?
 - a. Would Jesus as your coach change the way you pray? How?
 - b. Would Jesus as your coach change the way you read the Bible? How?
7. What is difficult for you about viewing Jesus as your coach?
8. Is there room in your imagery of Jesus for the possibility that he wants to make “breakfast” for you?
9. Have you experienced a “come and have breakfast” moment in your everyday ordinary life?
10. Where do you most recognize yourself in the story above?