

DAILY TIME

SECTION 1 | JOHN 21:1-14

Depending on what year you are in school, you may or may not be using a meal plan. You may be a sophomore on campus and wondering how in the world you're going to use up all 21 meal swipes you have each week. If you're a Junior, you might be frequenting the Wildcat Pantry or a quick stop at Intermezzo in between your classes. Seniors may be wondering where all of the options to eat were three years ago when they were freshmen! A lot has changed on campus over the last few years, but one thing the University has certainly put more emphasis on is the food options on campus. They know that students—especially college students—love to chow down. Food is so central to so much of our lives. In college, we typically eat meals in between events in our busy schedules. We all have different tasks, but at some point we have to gather around a table.

At the end of John's gospel, Jesus shares a meal with his disciples one last time. He meets them yet again—after his death, burial, and resurrection—and invites them into another journey.

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So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night. ⁴ At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn’t see who he was. ⁵ He called out, “Fellows, have you caught any fish?”

“No,” they replied. ⁶ Then he said, “Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you’ll get some!” So they did, and they couldn’t haul in the net because there were so many fish in it. ⁷ Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, “It’s the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore. ⁸ The others stayed with the boat and pulled the loaded net to the shore, for they were only about a hundred yards from shore. ⁹ When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread.

¹⁰ “Bring some of the fish you’ve just caught,” Jesus said. ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore. There were 153 large fish, and yet the net hadn’t torn.

¹² “Now come and have some breakfast!” Jesus said. None of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord.

¹³ Then Jesus served them the bread and the fish. ¹⁴ This was the third time Jesus had appeared to his disciples since he had been raised from the dead.

? What do you think Jesus is wanting to teach his disciples by showing them how to get a huge catch?

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- ① The disciples have had the craziest past few months. What do you think it was like to return to a normal, everyday activity like making breakfast? What did this look like after journeying all they've been through with Jesus?
 - ② What does it look like to rely on Jesus instead of ourselves? Is there a difference between relying on Him for physical needs or spiritual needs?
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SECTION 2

Last time we read about Jesus feeding the disciples and preparing them a breakfast they wouldn't forget. Here again we saw Jesus taking what they offered and multiplying it, turning what first looked like a no-catch morning (or some fishing phrase) and making it into a feast with one simple instruction. He took their effort that seemed useless and then delivered another gift in abundance. And then he gave just a simple invitation: come and eat.

REREAD THE PASSAGE FROM SECTION 1 (JOHN 21:1-14)

- ① What do you think they talked about at breakfast?
- ② Read the passage over again and focus on Peter-what do you think he was feeling? Think about the last time Peter interacted with Jesus-what happened?

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SECTION 3 | JOHN 21:15-19

On Day 2, we re-read the first part of the story and focused in on Peter. Here, Jesus asks Peter three different times if he loves him. These three questions correspond to the three times Peter denied Jesus before the crucifixion earlier in John's gospel.

¹⁵ After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," Peter replied, "you know I love you." "Then feed my lambs," Jesus told him.

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¹⁸ "I tell you the truth, when you were young, you were able to do as you liked; you dressed yourself and went wherever you wanted to go. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and others will dress you and take you where you don't want to go." ¹⁹ Jesus said this to let him know by what kind of death he would glorify God. Then Jesus told him, "Follow me."

❓ How do you think Peter felt before this scene, knowing he'd denied knowing Jesus at the crucifixion? What do you think Jesus is trying to make Peter feel here?

❓ Does this interaction between Peter and Jesus make you think of an interaction you might have had with God?

- ❓ Do you believe God can use you? What have you done that you think disqualifies you from being essential to the mission of Christ?

 - ❓ What does Jesus mean when he says to “feed my sheep?” How are you also called to feed Christ’s sheep?
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GROUP TIME

WEEK 10 - A BETTER PORTION

This week is different. Instead of normal group time, we’re going to accept Jesus’s invitation to come and eat. Everyone pitch in and bring something to the table...literally! Set aside your phones and be present to your group. There will be some fun and merriment, yes, but you’ll also have a conversation reflecting back on your year together.

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A BENEDICTION

This is it, the end of the semester. As you go this summer, go with this blessing:

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God! Amen.

(Ephesians 3:17-19)

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