

# **Trinity Community Church**

## **Family Worship Guide**

For Sunday, May 17, 2020

“Breakfast with the Risen Lord”

John 21:1-14

### **SERMON SUMMARY**

After writing what appears to be the perfect ending for his Gospel (20:30-31), John adds an epilogue which demonstrates that we never really come to the end of the gospel. We will never outgrow our need for the grace of Jesus. Just as the apostle Paul would continue to make tents, so the apostles who preceded him continued to be fishermen. Whatever our vocation, Jesus meets us there, but he doesn't leave what we do untouched. Fishers of fish are also called to be fishers of men, and both tasks require Jesus.

### **Suggested Questions for Students and Kids**

1. What were the disciples doing when Jesus asked them if they caught any fish?
2. What miracle did Jesus do in this instance?
3. What happened once the disciples got on the shore?
4. What does this account tell you about who Jesus is and His heart for His disciples?

## Suggested Questions for Adults

1. What's going on in the first few verses of ch. 21?
2. What do you think that Jesus wants to teach His disciples through the miracle He performs in this account?
3. Have you ever struggled to trust Jesus because you felt that you were in a situation that humanly speaking a miracle was impossible? Have you ever experienced a miracle in your life? What did you learn from that?
4. What do you make of the fact that Jesus' final resurrection appearance with His disciples is a breakfast meeting? What similarities do you see between this scene, Jesus' first sign (John 2), and the famous sign recorded in John 6:1–15?
5. Think about the three resurrection appearances Jesus has made to His disciples (John 20:19–23; 24–29; 21:1–14). What have each of these three appearances uniquely communicated?
6. What are some things that the Lord spoke to you through the sermon this morning?

## **Weekly Prayer Focus**

### **Pray for Our Church**

- Praise God for granting us salvation and for giving us a desire to serve Him and others selflessly;
- Pray for safety for every member of our congregation, especially for those of our medical professionals who are daily treating and caring for the sick; pray for God's peace to be present in each of us;
- Pray that we will all recognize needs around us and find wise ways to lovingly respond to and meet those needs as the body of Christ;
- Pray that God would protect the income of those whose jobs are being affected by this pandemic;
- Ask God to help us see and celebrate all of His work around us, even when we don't fully understand it.

### **Pray for Our City**

- Praise God for our elected officials;
- Pray for our local, state, and national officials that God would strengthen them and give them wisdom as they lead our city, county, state, and nation through these very difficult and uncertain times;
- Pray for the other churches in town that God will protect, provide, and use them and us, as a united Body of Christ, to meet the needs of our city;
- Pray that God will use this time to bring our city to the knowledge of God.

### **Pray for Our Country**

- Praise God for our country and for the many freedoms, privileges, and blessings we have in this nation;
- Pray for our state and nationally elected officials that God would grant them wisdom and discernment in dealing with this pandemic virus;
- Pray for the families who've already lost loved ones because of this virus;
- Pray that God will draw many people to Himself through these hard times.

## **Pray for Our World**

- Pray for all our missionaries throughout the world. They are all being impacted in some way by the Coronavirus epidemic;
- Specifically, pray for the David and Adela Z who are working with refugees from Darfur in North Africa. Pray specifically for the several churches they have been blessed by the Lord to plant and start in the last few years. We ask the Lord to grow and equip those believers in those congregations and that God would use them to bring others to Himself.