



BRING LIFE
LIKE IT'S YOUR JOB

GET READY

In this session's scripture passage, John shares his account of an incident involving Simon Peter and six of the disciples. This happened after Jesus' arrest, death and resurrection.

"Later, Jesus appeared again to the disciples beside the Sea of Galilee. This is how it happened. Several of the disciples were there—Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples.

Simon Peter said, "I'm going fishing."

"We'll come, too," they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night.

At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn't see who he was. He called out, "Fellows, have you caught any fish?"

"No," they replied.

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.

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. The others stayed with the boat and pulled the loaded net to the shore, for they were only about a hundred yards from shore. When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread.

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

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

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.

Jesus repeated the question: "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

"Yes, Lord," Peter said, "you know I love you."

"Then take care of my sheep," Jesus said.

A third time he asked him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, "Lord,

you know everything. You know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Then feed my sheep.”

John 21:1-17

TAKE ACTION

Q5: What distractions and discouragements have you encountered in the last weeks trying to do what you said you would do (to serve and invest in others)?

Q6: What did you commit to that you haven’t accomplished? Why? What’s in the way?

PERSONAL ACTION

Complete this sentence: To get back to being a life-bringer, I will...

Eliminate _____ from my life.

Spend less time consumed with _____ in my life.

Add _____ (habit) to my day to keep my focus on bringing life.

ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER THIS WEEK:

- Make plans to text one another this week.
- Take action to eliminate barriers and distractions from being life-bringers.
- Revisit the last two weeks of “I will...” statements.
- What will you do about them this week?

PRAY TOGETHER

One way we can be united is by committing to pray for one another. Take some time as a group to share your prayer requests. Be sure to record everyone’s requests on the Prayer Notes on page 152.