

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: BELIEVE

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Memory Verse: John 13:34-35 NIV

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word and lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: All followers of Jesus are called to "fish" so others can find and follow Jesus.

Read John 21:1-25

1. The disciples go fishing after Jesus' resurrection, returning to a familiar vocation (v 3). Scripture doesn't tell us exactly why they went fishing. How do you relate to their decision to return to familiar work or routine? What does this say about the tension we sometimes feel between faith and everyday responsibilities? How can your career be a mission field or environment for discipleship?
2. The disciples had been trying to catch fish all night and came up empty. When Jesus directs them where to fish, they bring in an abundant catch (vv 4-6). I'm sure casting nets on the other side of the boat seemed silly given their persistence that night. Have you ever sensed the Lord directing you to do something that didn't make sense? What was the outcome?
3. John recognizes it is Jesus through the miracle and declares it to others (v 7). What helps you recognize God's hand at work in your life? How good are you at sharing these moments with others?



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4. Jesus gives Peter the opportunity to affirm his love three times, mirroring Peter's earlier three denials (vv 15–17). How does this moment show both the tenderness and intentionality of Jesus in restoring Peter? Have you ever felt like you failed Jesus in some way? How does this passage affirm the hope that, despite our failures, Jesus has a purpose for us?
5. Jesus calls Peter to feed His sheep (v 17). What does it mean to you to feed or care for God's people? Who in your life might need encouragement, care, or spiritual guidance from you right now? How have others fed or shepherded you in your faith?
6. Jesus predicts the future cost of Peter following Him (vv 18-19). Extra-biblical sources convey that all of the disciples, with the exception of the disciple whom Jesus loved, died an unnatural death. How do you feel about the idea that following Jesus may involve physical harm, suffering, or even death? Have you ever experienced any level of persecution for your faith in America? If so, share what happened.
7. Jesus tells Peter, "Follow Me" (v 19), and again reaffirms "You must follow Me" when Peter is distracted by John (v 22). What are some common things that pull your attention away from Jesus, such as comparing yourself to others, fear, comfort, or busyness? When you do get distracted, what aspect of your spiritual self do you find suffers the most? What helps you return your focus to Jesus?
8. A comment Jesus makes about John is misunderstood and spreads inaccurately among believers (v 23). If it happens to Jesus, we can expect it will likely happen to us. To the best of our ability, how can we communicate matters of faith with clarity? When talking with others, what can you do to ensure you have heard them correctly so that rumors are not spread?



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