

Week of April 27
Read: John 21:1-25

Questions for Reflection ...

The author makes it clear there was not enough room to include every story about Jesus in the gospel, but those that are included are to help us believe. Why did the author choose to include the story of the disciples' post-resurrection fishing trip and breakfast with Jesus on the shore? What is significant about this event? What about this story has application for you today?

Jesus' three-fold questioning of Peter's love famously mirrors Peter's three-fold denial. After Peter affirms his love each time, Jesus tells Peter to "feed my sheep". Peter was called to be a shepherd of God's people, but he instead went back to being a fisherman. Do you ever get defeated by your own failures and give up on the calling God has given you? What would your life look like if you stepped away from the comfortable, and fully embraced your calling? Are you willing to do it?

The Gospel According to John comes down to a simple instruction and invitation. Jesus says, "Follow me!" Having read this gospel, how do you respond to that invitation? What does it mean for you to follow Jesus? How would embracing that invitation change the trajectory of your life?

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