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# From the Pew to the Pier

JOHN 21:1-14

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John 21:1-14 | From the Pew to the Pier: When Sunday Faith Meets Monday Fog

## Discussion Questions

*Community Groups meet throughout the week and play a crucial role in our response to the preaching of the word. These groups gather to discuss the following questions as we seek to apply the sermon in community with one another. Please visit [compassntx.org](http://compassntx.org) to join a small group near you.*

1. Read **John 21:3**, **Mark 1:17**, and **Galatians 5:1**. When Jesus called his disciples to become fishers of men, it was a calling that transcended vocation. What was wrong with Peter's decision to go fishing in this passage? How can we be tempted to "go fishing on Monday?" What deficiencies does this reveal about our understanding of the nature of our relationship with Jesus? Can you give an example of what it looks like for you to go back to your old ways after a spiritual high or period of conviction?

2. Read **John 21:7** and **Luke 10:38-39**. What parallels can you observe between Peter and Mary in these two passages? What is it about Jesus that makes you want to spend time with him like this? Doubtless we would react differently to Jesus if he were sitting in our kitchen when we got home from work. How can we bridge the gap between that response and the reality that our primary means of relating to him presently is through faith and his word?

3. Read **John 21:12-13** and **Romans 2:4**. What does it mean to "presume upon the riches of [God's] kindness and forbearance and patience?" While Romans 2:4 is written about the unbeliever, is it possible for a believer to be guilty of this as well, albeit in a different fashion? How are you personally prone to presume upon the riches of God's kindness and forbearance, and patience in your life? What would it look like for you to respond to these things in a way that honors him?

4. Read **John 21:11** and **Deuteronomy 29:29**. What are your thoughts regarding John's inclusion of the specific number of fish caught that morning? Is there more to it than the simple number of fish that would have naturally been calculated by any fisherman upon returning to shore? Given that John doesn't explain anything significant about this number, how should we treat the proposals we encounter as to the possible meanings?

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## Recommended Reading

- *God at Work: Your Christian Vocation in All of Work* - Gene Edward Veith Jr.
- *Business for the Glory of God* - Wayne Grudem
- *Disciplines of a Godly Man* - R. Kent Hughes
- *Disciplines of a Godly Woman* - Barbara Hughes



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