

Digging Deeper on Christmas Eve

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John 21:1-14

Read John 21:1-5

Peter decides to return to his former line of work before he met Jesus and go fishing. Former fishermen James and John joined Peter along with Thomas, Nathanael, and two other disciples. They fished all night and caught nothing. This sounds familiar. Read Luke 5:4-11

The disciples were instructed to go to Galilee to meet Jesus (Matthew 26:32, Mark 16:7). Once in Galilee they were unsure of their next step. Returning to their own devices, Peter and the other disciples went fishing and were unsuccessful. Have you ever been unsure of what to do next? Pray that you will not return to your own ways. Pray for peace and patience as you actively wait on the voice of Jesus.

How will you know where to throw your nets?

Read John 21:6-14. Jesus appeared to His disciples multiple times after He was raised from the dead. He instructed them in the way that they should go, and He gave all of us our ultimate job description (Matthew 28: 19-20).

Jesus has ascended into heaven, but He still appears to us and instructs us in which way to go. He still meets you in your current role in life and can give you a new life-changing role. Just ask Paul (Acts 9).

God appears to us through the reading of His Word. By listening and studying His Word, we begin to recognize His voice. Once you hear God's voice, just as the disciples knew without even a question, you also will know it is Him. Read John 20:29

As we take this time to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus on earth, let's remember that although we did not witness His birth or walk with Him like the disciples, we have the opportunity to encounter our Lord everyday through the Bible. His word gives birth to His voice in our lives. He will walk with us just as He did with the disciples and instruct us where to cast our nets.

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