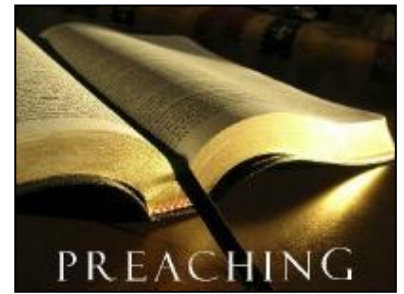


Sermon-Based Discussion Guide for Home Groups

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Room Temperature: From Hot to Not

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SCRIPTURE

John 21:1-19

Jesus Appears at the Sea of Galilee

¹After these things Jesus manifested Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and He manifested Himself in this way.

²Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together.

³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will also come with you." They went out and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing.

⁴But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

⁵So Jesus said to them, "Children, you do not have any fish, do you?" They answered Him, "No."

⁶And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat and you will find a catch." So they cast, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish.

⁷Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put his outer garment on (for he was stripped for work), and threw himself into the sea.

⁸But the other disciples came in the little boat, for they were not far from the land, but about one hundred yards away, dragging the net full of fish.

⁹So when they got out on the land, they saw a charcoal fire already laid and fish placed on it, and bread.

¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have now caught."

¹¹Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not torn.

Jesus Provides

¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples ventured to question Him, "Who are You?" knowing that it was the Lord.

¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and the fish likewise.

¹⁴This is now the third time that Jesus was manifested to the disciples, after He was raised from the dead.

The Love Motivation

¹⁵So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You " He said to him, "Tend My lambs."

¹⁶He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Shepherd My sheep."

¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You " Jesus said to him, "Tend My sheep."

Our Times Are in His Hand

¹⁸"Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go."

¹⁹Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me!"

ENGAGE

Are you Hot or Not for Jesus? How did you get to that point? Discuss the reasons for your answer.

DISCUSS

1. What are some things that cause us get to the point of being lukewarm? Which of these apply to you?
2. As we become lukewarm in our walk with Christ our view on life becomes more focused on us rather than Jesus. True or False? Explain.
3. What are some ways we can put our focus back on God to go from lukewarm to hot?
4. Some of the symptoms of being lukewarm are: going to church but not worshiping, rarely sharing faith, giving when its easy to do so, and loving those who only love us back. Which symptoms do you suffer from?

5. One way to turn the heat up on our walk is to remember what God saved us from. Share with the group your story of salvation and what you were saved from.

YOUR NEXT STEP

What is your "Next Step?" Putting God at the forefront of your life everyday? Remembering the heights from which you have fallen? Maybe it's trusting in God for the first time. Share what steps you are going to take starting now!

CHILDREN'S TIME

1. Summarize the scripture for today.
2. Ask the children if the disciples were on fire for Jesus after He provided them a great catch. Ask them what they have seen God do in their lives.
3. Explain that everyone, even adults, is vulnerable to losing their passion for Christ. Give examples like school work, sports, and other extra-curricular activities that can distract us from focusing on Christ. Remind them that everything they do should have God at the forefront.

OTHER PASSAGES

Rev. 3:16
Psalm 30:5
Ephesians 2:12
Rev. 2:5a