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**SERMON NOTES May 5, 2021**

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**John 21:1-14**  
**Going Fishing**  
**Pastor Mike**

I. Remembering \_\_\_\_\_

a. The call to be \_\_\_\_\_

b. This is John's account of \_\_\_\_\_

II. \_\_\_\_\_ that dissuade from God's call

a. Our past \_\_\_\_\_ makes us unqualified

i. Our qualification is \_\_\_\_\_

ii. We need to remember \_\_\_\_\_

b. Jesus isn't \_\_\_\_\_ with us

i. He is with us through \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Acting in \_\_\_\_\_ driven by \_\_\_\_\_

*We throw* \_\_\_\_\_, *God brings* \_\_\_\_\_

III. Being faithful to \_\_\_\_\_

Questions for reflection, application, and discussion

1. John 21:3 tells us that Simon Peter proclaimed, "I'm going fishing," and 6 of the other disciples joined him. Pastor Mike taught how this wasn't just a statement of about going fishing to pass the time, but it was a statement about his intention of return to the profession of fishing. Why do you think Peter decided this? What impacted his thinking and decision?
2. The story in John 21:1-14 is a direct echo of Jesus' calling Peter to be his disciple in Luke 5:1-11. When you look at both passages, what stands out to you regarding the similarity of the stories? Why do you think that Jesus recreated this scene at this time? What was he trying to teach Peter and us?
  - a. What was the meaning of their fishing all night and coming up with nothing both times? What can we learn from this part of the story?
  - b. What can and should we learn from the net full of fish after the followed Jesus' instructions?
3. Matthew, Mark, and Luke each end their Gospels with Jesus giving his followers the Great Commission (Luke's is in Acts 1:8). In his message Pastor Mike taught that John 21 is John's telling of the Great Commission.
  - a. How is John 21 a telling of the Great Commission? How is it similar to and/or different from the Great Commission in the other Gospels?
  - b. What is your understanding of the Great Commission? What does Jesus call you to in the Great Commission?
  - c. If all 4 of the Gospels end with Jesus giving us as his followers his Great Commission, what should that teach us about its importance?
4. Do you think that Peter's failure in denying Jesus made him feel that he was unqualified to serve Jesus as a disciple?
  - a. Do you think that this may have been, at least in part, behind Peter's decision to return to fishing? Why or why not?
  - b. Look at Mark 16:7. Why did the Angel instruct the women to "*tell his disciples and Peter*" that Jesus was risen? Why did he single out Peter?
  - c. Can you feel that past failures might disqualify you from being used by God? What can you learn from this story and Peter's example?
5. The only major difference between the story in Luke 5 and the events in John 21 was that in John 21 Jesus wasn't in the boat with them? Why is that significant? What can and should we learn and apply from this truth?