



All Christians' Fellowship International

INTERACTIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

TOPIC: A Walk with a Resurrected Man

TEXT: John 21:1-25

Instructions - *Let the above passages be read each time you come together to study this topic so that everyone could participate fully. The teacher should provide additional background information on the topic and come up with follow-up questions. Participants should be brief in their responses and use relevant Bible references to illustrate their points. They should be careful not to dominate the discussion to allow everyone to have an equal opportunity to participate.*

Introduction: Most of us find it easier to forgive than to forget. We may be ready to forgive someone who has hurt us deeply, but we have a hard time trusting that person again. Peter failed Jesus miserably. He promised to give up his life if necessary to protect Jesus but denied him a few hours later. Peter knew Jesus had forgiven him. Jesus continued to trust him and still used him to bring glory to God.

Discussion Questions:

1. Describe how you feel when someone you have hurt tells you he/her has forgiven you. Do you expect that person to still trust you having failed or disappointed her/him?
2. Read John 21:1-14 - What was the significance of Peter's decision to return to fishing (vs. 1-3)?
3. What was Jesus trying to show the disciples by allowing them to catch such a large number of fish (John 21:4-6; see Lk 5:4-11)?
4. When Peter hears that "It is the Lord " (vs. 7-8) he jumps into the water and begins swimming ahead of the boat. What does this reveal about Peter and his relationship with Jesus? How would you have responded if you had denied the Lord only a few days earlier?
5. Read John 21:15-25. What subtle differences do you notice in Jesus' three questions and Peter's responses (vs. 15-17)? What do you think is the significance of those differences?
6. What can we learn from this passage about the steps involved in restoring a Christian who has sinned?
7. Why do you think Jesus chose this particular time to predict the kind of death Peter would die (vs. 18-19)?
8. How does it help to know that you can still serve and glorify God no matter what your past failures have been? But what if we abuse that privilege?
9. What does Jesus' rebuke to Peter (v. 22) reveal about the danger of comparing ourselves with other Christians?

10. As you have studied through John 's Gospel, what aspect of Jesus' character or ministry has impressed you most?