



Sunday, May 1, 2022
Fed by Jesus - John 21:1-19



What's the Big Idea?

Jesus' love feeds us so we may feed others

Peter, Jesus' best friend, had pretended he did not even know Jesus — not once but three times — as he was on trial before he was crucified. Now Jesus was somehow, amazingly alive again. Peter was scared. What did Jesus think of him, say to him, even do to him?



Peter's expectations were turned upside down. Jesus showed Peter mercy and love in spite of how Peter treated Jesus in his greatest time of need. Being forgiven frees us to love just like Jesus. And because Jesus first loved, we can also love just like Jesus by showing others mercy and love even when it might not be deserved. Jesus' love feeds us so we may feed others!

Read It

Find this week's story in the NRSV Bible:
John 21:1—19.



Talk About It

- 1) Share about a time when you wish you would have said or done something differently after the fact?
- 2) Jesus asked Peter if Peter loved Jesus more than fishing. What is something that you love so much — as much as Peter loved fishing?
- 3) Merciful, forgiving, and loving might be words that Peter used to describe his friend, Jesus. What are words that you would use to describe your best friend?

Pray: Dear God, you've given us everything we already need to love the world as you love. Thank you for the tools you've given us to share your love. Help us to use them generously so all might be fed by your amazing love. Amen.

Try It

The number of fish – 153 – is an interesting detail (John 21:11). The fish are a sort of promise about the future to the frightened disciples. Jesus had called them to catch people. Just as he helped them bring in the amazing catch of 153 fish, he will help them bring in lots and lots of people. To get an idea of what 153 fish looks like, get a bag of goldfish crackers and count out 153 crackers into a glass bowl and imagine what a pile of that many real fish would look like.



Memorize It

Challenge yourself to memorize the following verse of the week.

And [Peter] said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."

John 21:17

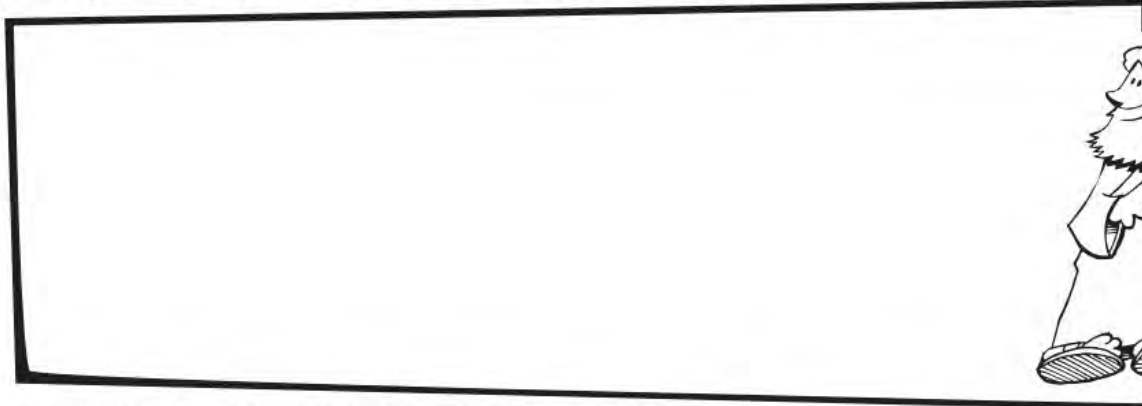
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Follow and Count. Disciples are people who follow Jesus. Can you count how many disciples are following Jesus in this picture? Write the number on the blank line



_____ disciples
are following Jesus.

How many more disciples can you draw following Jesus in this space? Don't forget to add yourself!



Answer: 22 disciples



Jesus said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.