

Sermon Notes – Sunday 10th May

‘Celebration and invitation’ John 21:1-14

Read John 21:1-14

- What is the purpose of this passage of scripture? (v1 & v14).
- How was Jesus revealed at the beginning of his ministry? (Jn 1:29-31)
- How has he revealed himself in your life?
- Why do you think the disciples went fishing? Does this indicate that they were abandoning Jesus and the mission he wanted to accomplish?
- What would you do to pass the time if Jesus asked you to wait for him?

They toil all night but catch nothing v5.

- Can you remember another instance when this occurred? Is there something significant about these two occasions?

1. Jesus gives DIRECTION

They are close enough to shore to hear the call of the ‘stranger’ on the beach.

What might have been the outcome if they had been further out beyond ear shot?

- What does that suggest to you about being within earshot of the Lord so that we can hear him call us? How can you position yourself to be within earshot of the Lord?

Its one thing to listen and another thing to act in obedience.

- Why do you think they acted on the ‘strangers’ suggestion?

Share an occasion when you did/didn’t do as you felt the Lord was telling you.

2. Jesus makes PROVISION

Jesus provides breakfast on the beach as a demonstration of his care for them.

- How significant is this shared meal as a reminder of the last shared meal they had enjoyed in the upper room, to symbolise provision?
- How would you explain to a friend the provision Jesus has made for you?

3. Jesus extends an INVITATION

‘Come and have breakfast’ v12. Jesus invites them into fellowship around a meal, opening up the riches of his friendship to them. It echoes the beginning of his ministry when he invited them to ‘Follow Me’ (Mark 1:17).

- How often do we need to hear that call of invitation and make that same response?
- Who is Jesus inviting to share in his table fellowship in your family or amongst your friends today? What would you say to someone who did not feel worthy of responding to this invitation?

What one thing is God saying to you from this reflection today that you need to action in your life?