



SMALL GROUP GUIDE: THE BEACH

Key Takeaways:

1. Jesus meets us right where we are and feeds us with what we can't get on our own.
2. Jesus deals with our past to move us forward.
3. Jesus refocuses us on our mission as disciples who make disciples.

Discussion Questions:

1. The pastor talks about Jesus asking, "Do you have any fish?" How does this relate to areas in your life where you feel empty or unsuccessful?
2. Reflect on a time when you felt God met you in your emptiness. How did that experience impact your faith?
3. The sermon mentions "charcoal fire pit moments" - painful experiences from our past. Have you had any such moments that you feel God wants to redeem?
4. How does the idea of Jesus "re-narrating" our stories resonate with you? Can you share an example from your own life?
5. The pastor expresses concern about being a "practice player" in Christianity. What do you think he means by this? Do you ever feel this way in your own faith journey?
6. What does it mean to you personally to be a "fisher of men" or a disciple who makes disciples?
7. How can we balance the "huddle" (church gatherings, Bible studies) with the "game" (actively living out our faith and making disciples)?

Practical Applications:

1. Spend time this week reflecting on areas where you feel empty. Bring these to God in prayer, asking Him to meet you and fill you.
2. Identify one "charcoal fire pit moment" in your life. Journal about how Jesus might want to redeem that experience.
3. Make a list of 3-5 people in your circle of influence who don't know Christ. Commit to praying for them daily this week.
4. Take one practical step towards discipleship this week (e.g., share your faith story with someone, invite a friend to church, offer to pray with a coworker).
5. Consider reaching out to church leadership about training or resources for becoming more effective in disciple-making.

Closing Prayer

Encourage group members to continue reflecting on the sermon throughout the week and to support each other in applying its teachings.