

APRIL 19, 2026

**BANQUET OF
BELONGING**
meals with Jesus

Restored at
the Table

SERMON RESOURCE



OUR LITURGY

*The Lord is here. His Spirit is with us.
And where the Spirit of the Lord is -
There is freedom!*

CONNECT

— 10 MINUTES

- What is a meal or conversation that came at just the right time in your life?
- What makes it easier or harder for you to be honest about failure or disappointment?

Read Aloud:

- John 21:1-17
- Acts 1:8

REVIEW

— 30 MINUTES

The risen Jesus meets His disciples in the ordinary, restores them in their failure, and forms them around the table for mission and discipleship.

1. Living in the In-Between

The disciples were living after resurrection, but before Pentecost—between celebration and empowerment.

- Have you ever experienced a season where God had done something real, but life still felt unfinished?
- What does the "morning after a miracle" feel like in your life right now?

2. Jesus Meets Us in Ordinary Places

In John 21, Jesus meets tired, discouraged disciples after a long night of empty nets.

- Why do you think Jesus chose to meet them in such an ordinary moment?
- Where do you most need to remember that Jesus meets you in everyday life, not only in dramatic moments?



3. Catch Fish, Feed Sheep

Jesus restores His disciples with a simple pattern for resurrected life: catch fish, feed sheep. Mission and nurture belong together.

- Do you tend to lean more toward “catch fish” or “feed sheep”? Why?
- Why is it important that Jesus gives both evangelistic mission and relational care to His people?

4. Fruit Comes Through Abiding, Not Striving

The disciples caught nothing until Jesus directed them.

- Where are you tempted to live with a “just do it” mindset spiritually?
- How is abiding in Jesus different from simply working harder for Him?

5. Meals Shape More Than Hunger

The message reminded us that meals do more than fill stomachs—the help form people in belonging, presence, and shared life.

- Why do you think shared meals matter so much in Scripture and in Christian community?
- How have meals, hospitality, or simple time together helped you feel known and spiritually strengthened?

6. Peter’s Failure and Restoration

Peter carried the weight of denial into this breakfast with Jesus. Yet Jesus did not meet him with shame, but with grace, questions, and restored calling.

- What stands out to you most about the way Jesus restores Peter?
- Where do you relate to Peter—zeal, failure, shame, love, calling, or all of it?

7. Restored People Become Missional People

Jesus does not ignore Peter’s history; He heals him in it. Peter’s calling continues, not because he was flawless, but because Jesus restored him.

- Have you ever felt disqualified by failure, weakness, or inconsistency?
- What would it look like for you to receive Jesus’ gift of grace instead of replaying your shame?



APPLICATION

— 30 MINUTES

Take a quiet moment to reflect:

- Where do you feel tired, empty, or discouraged right now?
- What might it mean for Jesus to meet you there with welcome instead of condemnation?
- Who is someone you could share a meal with, invite into your life, or encourage toward belonging this week?

This week, consider one simple step:

Share a meal with someone from church, your neighbourhood, or your group. Before you eat, pause and pray: “Jesus, meet us here. Restore us, form us, and send us out to catch fish and feed sheep.”

