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Group Questions

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1. What are some areas in your life where you feel like you keep “casting your net,” but coming up empty?
2. What does it mean to have “resurrection confidence?” In what ways is that different than self-confidence?
3. **Read John 21:1-14.** Why do you think Jesus allowed the disciples to fish all night and catch nothing before blessing them with a full net?
4. The sermon made a connection between casting nets and casting anxieties on Jesus (1 Peter 5:7). What’s something you need to “cast” on Jesus right now? What keeps you from doing that fully?
5. Jesus asked the disciples to trust his word and cast their nets again. What would it look like to take that kind of step today?
6. Jesus didn’t shame or scold the disciples. He served them. What does that teach us about the heart of Jesus, especially when we feel like we’ve failed?
7. What would it look like for you to serve others this week with resurrection confidence?
8. After hearing this message, how would you answer someone who asks you, “Where is God in all of this?”

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Bible Reading for Today

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Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

⁵ He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?”

“No,” they answered.

⁶ He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.