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when you don't _____.**

→ catch anything worth eating? **vs. 5-7**

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Let it _____ to Jesus.**

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1. We often seek God in big, extraordinary moments when we are undergoing a crisis or major life change. Why do you think we tend to overlook God's presence in ordinary, daily life?

2. **Read John 20:14 and John 21:4.** Both Mary at the empty tomb and the disciples on the boat didn't realize when Jesus was present. Can you recall a time in your life when God was clearly at work, but you only recognized it in hindsight?

What do these moments teach us about God's patience and his presence when we are spiritually drifting?

3. **Read John 21:6-7.** Success can either draw us closer to Jesus or distract us from him. How did Peter respond?

How do you personally tend to respond to seasons of success or blessing?

4. Peter cast himself toward Jesus when he recognized him. What might it look like for people today to "cast themselves" toward Jesus?

5. **Read Colossians 3:17.** How does this verse challenge or inspire you to rethink the way you approach your most routine areas of life? What would it look like to live this out in one specific area of your life this week?

6. How does the resurrection of Jesus change the way we view ordinary moments like commuting, working, parenting, etc.?

7. What is one ordinary area of your life this week where you want to become more aware of God's grace and presence? How can your group encourage you to do that?

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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: 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.