

Encounter these verses today:
circle words that you identify with,
underline phrases or sentences you'd
like to remember, write questions about
the passage out to the side ...



John 21 :: Jesus Appears to His Followers (NLT)

Later, Jesus appeared again to the disciples beside the Sea of Galilee. This is how it happened. 2 Several of the disciples were there—Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples.

3 Simon Peter said, "I'm going fishing." "We'll come, too," they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night.

4 At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn't see who he was. 5 He called out, "Fellows, have you caught any fish?" "No," they replied.

6 Then he said, "Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you'll get some!" So they did, and they couldn't haul in the net because there were so many fish in it.

7 Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore. 8 The others stayed with the boat and pulled the loaded net to the shore, for they were only about a hundred yards from shore. 9 When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread.

10 "Bring some of the fish you've just caught," Jesus said. 11 So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore. There were 153 large fish, and yet the net hadn't torn.

12 "Now come and have some breakfast!" Jesus said. None of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. 13 Then Jesus served them the bread and the fish. 14 This was the third time Jesus had appeared to his disciples since he had been raised from the dead.

15 After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," Peter replied, "you know I love you." "Then feed my lambs," Jesus told him.

16 Jesus repeated the question: "Simon son of John, do you love me?" "Yes, Lord," Peter said, "you know I love you." "Then take care of my sheep," Jesus said.

17 A third time he asked him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep."

18 "I tell you the truth, when you were young, you were able to do as you liked; you dressed yourself and went wherever you wanted to go. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and others will dress you and take you where you don't want to go." 19 Jesus said this to let him know by what kind of death he would glorify God. Then Jesus told him, "Follow me."

VBS Highlights:

*No matter who you are—trust God!
No matter how you feel—trust God!
No matter what people do—trust God!
No matter what happens—trust God!*

John 21 teaches us ...

No matter _____ you are—trust God!

What is the turning point in this story?

(the point where it's outcome could have changed drastically)

How were the disciples transformed because of this experience? How can we be changed too?

*"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged.
For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*

Joshua 1:9

Personal Reflection:

What areas of my life do I need to TRUST God more?



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Digging Deeper

[Use these readings to prepare you for worship next week!]

Monday: 08.20.2012

Prayer Focus: Our church

Passages: John 14:15-17; Acts 1:1-8; 2:1-4

Insight: After his resurrection, Jesus spent time with his disciples over a period of 40 days. He instructed them to stay in Jerusalem to wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We are blessed to live during the time when the Holy Spirit is present. Have you ever considered how different things would be without the presence of the Holy Spirit? How difficult would it be to live a life of obedience to God without the guiding of the Spirit?

Tuesday: 08.21.2012

Prayer Focus: The Flushing Community

Passage: John 14:26, Acts 2:1-40

Insight: Jerusalem was filled with “God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven” who were there to observe the Feast of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit-filled disciples were supernaturally enabled to speak the languages of these visitors. Peter addressed the crowd, telling them the Good News, who all heard him in their own language! Over 3,000 repented & were baptized THAT DAY!

If God can do that in a huge city filled with foreigners, what do you suppose He could do in Flushing, where most of us speak the same language? Have you ever received the Holy Spirit?

Wednesday: 08.22.2012

Prayer Focus: Intercession (use the iPray Guide)

Passage: John 16:23-24; Acts 3:1-26; 4:1-22

Insight: Peter & John heal a crippled beggar, causing quite a stir. The religious leaders were greatly disturbed by this and arrested Peter & John, bringing them before the Sanhedrin. “When they saw the courage of Peter & John and realized that they were unschooled ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.”

Do you spend time with Jesus? Is it obvious to those around you that you have spent time with him?

Thursday: 08.23.2012

Prayer Focus: Your School (teachers, admin, etc)

Passage: John 13:34-35; Acts 2:42-47, 4:23-34

Insight: Jesus said the world would know we are his disciples by the way we love each other. The believers in the early church cared for one another, meeting physical & spiritual needs.

Does our community know that we love one another here at Flushing Community Church? or do they see something different? How would it impact our community if the believers at Flushing Community Church loved each other? Who needs to know that you love them today?

Friday: 08.24.2012

Prayer Focus: Our nation

Passage: John 15:18-21; Acts 5:12-42; 6:12-8:4

Insight: The powerful religious leaders were filled with jealousy because the apostles had a large following, were spreading the message of Jesus & gaining converts. Apostles were arrested, disciples were martyred and a great persecution broke out against the Lord’s church.

As American Christians, we often confuse being inconvenienced with being persecuted, yet there are believers around the world being tortured, imprisoned or killed because of their faith in Jesus Christ. Have you ever come up against opposition because of your faith? What happened? Have you ever considered how you would respond to being arrested for your beliefs?

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