

Dinner with Jesus pt. 7 Bread for the Table
Sunday, October 19, 2025

As you join this discussion, let the Holy Spirit guide you. Share your thoughts and reflect on the message. Work through the guide by reading Scripture and answering a few questions.

Open Up:

- Are you more of a breakfast person or a dinner person? What do you love most about that mealtime?
- What is your favorite hobby?
- Think of a time when a shared meal helped you reconnect or heal after something difficult. What made that moment meaningful?

Read Together:

John 21:3

"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.

John 21:4-8

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. 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. 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. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.

John 21:9

When they landed, they saw a **fire of burning coals (ἄνθρακία)** there with fish on it, and some bread.

John 18:18 – Now the servants and officers were standing there, having made a **charcoal fire (ἄνθρακία)**, for it was cold, and they were warming themselves; and Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

John 21:15-17

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

Again, Jesus said, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

Discuss Together:

- When Peter said, "I'm going fishing," what does that reveal about how he was processing grief and confusion? How do you tend to respond when life feels uncertain or disorienting?
- Jesus met the disciples in an ordinary setting, on the shore, while they were working. What does this show about how and where Jesus meets us today?
- Have you ever experienced Jesus showing up in a moment or place you didn't expect? How did you recognize it was Him?
- Peter jumped into the water to get to Jesus – eager but also carrying shame. What helps or hinders you from moving toward Jesus when you've failed or fallen short?
- Jesus recreated the setting of Peter's denial – same kind of fire, same number of questions – not to shame but to restore. How does that picture reshape your understanding of Jesus' heart?
- Jesus didn't ask Peter to promise better behavior; He asked, "Do you love me?" How might this change the way you think about what Jesus wants most from you?
- Love for Jesus is expressed through caring for others ("Feed my sheep"). Who are the "sheep" God might be calling you to care for right now?

- What does Peter's restoration story teach us about grace, purpose, and the way Jesus restores our identity after failure?

Pray:

Pray for God to help you recognize where He's showing up in your ordinary, familiar places, especially where you've experienced disappointment or shame. Ask Him to meet you there with restoration and to rekindle your love for Him in ways that overflow into love for others.

Invitation:

This week, share a meal or coffee with someone who might be feeling lost, lonely, or unsure of their place. Be present with them – not to fix or teach, but simply to reflect the love and compassion Jesus showed to Peter on the shore.