

## More Than a Miracle – Week 1 Small Group Questions

### Ice Breaker

1. If comfortable, share about a time you got in trouble as a kid that sticks out to you. What did you do? What were the consequences?

### Scripture

“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. 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. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” 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. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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. Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out

your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

### Discuss

1. Pastor Jeff said, “What kind of fire did Peter deny Jesus around? Charcoal fire. What kind of fire did Jesus ask Peter to come stand next to? Charcoal fire. The same place Peter failed, Jesus was about to forgive. The place that held Peter's greatest regret, Jesus was about to use to completely restore. And notice, Peter didn't go find Jesus, Jesus found Peter, and that's the first thing I want us to see. No matter what I've done to Him, Jesus is never done with me.” **Have you ever felt like God is done with you? How has God helped you see that He isn't?**
2. What do you think it means to “agape” love Jesus and “phileo” love Jesus? (feel free to refer back to verses 15-17) Would you say the church, in general, agape Jesus or Phileo's Jesus today?

**Leader's Note:** Agape means unconditional, while phileo means friendship.

3. What do you think of Pastor Jeff's thought that God always meets us where we are? Should we settle there? Where does God want us to go in our relationship with him?
4. Pastor Jeff shared how Peter would ultimately die by being crucified upside down, proving that he truly loved Jesus more than life itself. Do you believe God will strengthen you today to have that kind of faith? What often holds us back from trusting Jesus with that same level of devotion?

### Practice

1. What is one thing that you can take away from this message?
2. Set aside 10-30 minutes this week to be alone with the Lord and give Him thanks through prayer and worship for how He pursues us, loves us where we are, gives us the strength and faith we need, and never leaves us. In your time, make sure to speak out loud about specific areas, situations, etc., where you know God has loved you through more than you deserve.

