

Preparation Questions

John 21

Feed the world

Like with all the other signs in John's Gospel, the way to understand the meaning of the miracle/sign is to look at the conversations, etc - the 'explanatory word' - that follows the sign.

Text 1: It might be tempting to think that this miracle is an indication that Jesus wants his followers to be 'fishers of men' but that seems to be very unlikely. Particularly from v5, v9, v13-17 what do you think we're meant to learn about Jesus and his post resurrection work in his disciples from this miracle?

Text 2: Why does Jesus question and instruct Peter 3 times? What does this tell us about Jesus' ongoing post – resurrection work in the world?

Text 3: What do we learn about John in v20-25? How is his role similar and different from Peter? What does this tell us about Jesus' ongoing post – resurrection work in the world?

Sum up the big idea of this passage. What was the benefit for the disciples of witnessing this miracle and having this encounter with Jesus? What is the benefit for us? What are the implications for us?

Ones to chew on.

How are we and others going to be fed? How will this shape our time, priorities, activities, choice of church, etc?