

# April 7 – 13

Saints and Sinners | Do you love me?

**Icebreaker:** How do you know when you really love something?

## Read John 21:1–14

- What has just happened leading into this passage?
- Why would the disciples go fishing?
- Read Luke 5:1–11.
  - How is this passage reminiscent of the time these men met Jesus?
  - Why would Jesus want to remind them of when they first met?
- There are details with the breakfast meal that are meant to stir the disciples memories.
  - See John 18:18, the only other time a charcoal fire is mentioned. Why would John write about this detail? Whose memory would be triggered by this?
  - When did Jesus break fish and bread alongside the disciples? (see John 6)
  - When did Jesus last offer bread to the disciples? (see Matthew 26:26-28)
  - Why would these memories of their life with Jesus be important at this time?
- What would Peter have been feeling at this moment? What do his actions show us?

## Read John 21:15–19

- What stands out to you with what Jesus said to Peter?
- How did Peter's denial of Jesus after his arrest mirror these three questions?
- How did Peter respond to these questions?
- Why was Peter grieved that Jesus asked him this three times? What do you think was going on in his mind?
- Why did Jesus ask Peter if he loved him, rather than the other way around, Jesus *saying* to Peter that he loved him?
- How is he preparing Peter for what is to come?
- As Peter was reinstated, what responsibility was he entrusted with? Was Peter faithful in the responsibility given to him?
- Why is it significant that Jesus explains to Peter how he was to die?
- Jesus asks Peter the question before he gives him the command. Why is Jesus more concerned with loving him than doing something for him?
- How does our love for Jesus motivate us to be involved in his mission and bear the cost?
- How do we grow our love for Jesus?