

What do disciples see Jesus doing?

- **Opening**
 - New Series for Lent= Following Peter, Following Jesus
 - Lent= 40 days and 40 nights, excluding Sundays, before Easter
 - Corporate Fast=Wednesday's, not legalistic, 12 hours
 - Following Jesus to the cross through the eyes of Peter
 - About Jesus, just through Peter's perspective
 - Last week= Call of Peter= 4 Calls of Jesus (Salvation= Bracelets/4 Spiritual Laws, Lordship, Discipleship, Purpose= Disciple-maker)

Luke 4:38-5:11(NRSV)

Intro

- I want to investigate this morning is what can we learn through Peter's eyes as he follows Jesus according to Luke's account in these verses
- Everything in the lens of LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, MAKE DISCIPLES

Tension: What does Peter see Jesus doing?

4:38

- Synagogue= Church
 - Hebrews 10:25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
- Jesus goes to Peter's house
 - Mother-in-law= high fever= they asked Him about her?
 - Everyone wanted his help. When they asked for Jesus' help to heal Simon's mother-in-law, he healed her. He laid hands on all who were brought to him and healed them.
- What does Peter see?= Church important, Relationships= spending time with friends/disciples, Okay to Ask Jesus questions

4:39

- Jesus' response=
 - saw a need and
 - REBUKED the fever
 - Greek word= epitimaó= Censure or admonish; by implication, forbid
 - Same word used in v.35 & v.41 forbidding demons to speak (another sermon for another day)
 - Command/Authority in healing and deliverance ministry
 - Ask vs. Command= Kyle and Danielle throat story
 - Result= healing
- What does Peter see?= Jesus had compassion on the hurting, never in to big of a hurry not to help, Command/Authority

4:40-41

- ALL healed
 - Theology of healing= God/Jesus' desire is for ALL to be healed= SOZO
 - Isaiah 53:3-5
 - Hebrew word for grief in v.3= Choliy= sickness/disease/sadness
 - Jesus took the choliy of the world onto His shoulders so that we could be Sozo-healed in spirit, soul and body -Beni Johnson *The Power of Communion*
 - Jesus died so we could be free of sin/sickness/sorrow
- Demons= Rebuked= Authority
- What does Peter see?= Jesus taking time to heal all, Jesus exercising authority over disease, demons, and unclean spirits

4:42

- Jesus went alone to a quiet place and Mark's Gospel tells us He prayed
 - God time/Quiet time/Personal worship etc.
 - How could he do it? What was his secret? What was the source of his power? 'At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place' (4:42). 'Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed' (5:16). You will never cope with the demands of life in the kingdom of God unless you are being recharged through your hotline to God.

- Luke “they” went looking for Him, Mark lists Simon (Peter) as one of the one’s to specifically look for him, side with Mark on this one as it is “Peter’s gospel”
- What does Peter see? = Jesus getting away to spend time with God, Prayer important, eventually led to the disciples asking “Lord teach us to pray”

4:43-44

- Proclaim= Preach
 - My star ★ word this year
- Good News (Gospel) of KOG to others
- Purpose= Preach the Gospel to others
- Proclaims message in synagogues of Judea
- What does Peter see? = Jesus’ purpose, Jesus prayed about it and received direction from the Lord, Jesus does it
 - **Matthew 7:21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.**

5:1-11

- More about Peter in his relation to Jesus than about Jesus himself, let’s ask ourselves again what does Peter see?
- Word of God
 - V.1= “hear the word of God”
 - V. 5= NKJV “nevertheless at Your word”
 - Your hotline to God involves two-way communication. It involves both speaking to God in prayer and listening to his words. This was the secret of Jesus’ own ministry. No one has ever had a more powerful ministry than Jesus. No one has ever had more demands on his time and energy than Jesus.
 - Hearing the word of God through Jesus transformed Peter’s life.
- Miracle
 - **Miraculous catch of fish at Jesus word**
 - Nothing is impossible with Jesus= Peter’s first reaction was negative and pessimistic. He didn’t think it would work, ‘We’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything’ (v.5a). However, possibly after a long pause, he says, ‘But because you say so, I will let down the nets’ (v.5b). Jesus made what seemed impossible possible. ‘When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break’ (v.6).
 - Peter not only caught a big catch of fish, he also caught a big vision of what God could do with his life. Three years later, he preached a sermon in which 3,000 people were converted in one day. He laid the foundations whereby 2,000 years later over two billion people profess the name of Jesus.
- Partners
 - **Needed help**
 - The potential is vast
 - They had not caught any fish but there were plenty to catch. In the Sea of Galilee there were phenomenal shoals of fish that covered the sea as if it were solid for as much as an acre.
 - Although cleaning nets is important for fishermen, the primary purpose is to catch fish. The primary task of the church is mission. Jesus says, ‘Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch’ (v.4). There are so many people who need to hear the message about Jesus
 - Partnership is the key to mission. Disunity is so off-putting to those outside the church. Partnership and unity are very attractive.
- Sin
 - **Recognized his sin in light of Jesus**
- Don’t be afraid
 - **No fear in Jesus**
 - Peter’s first reaction was to sense his own unworthiness: ‘Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!’ (v.8). At the same time, he and the others were astonished at the catch of fish (v.9). They must have been very daunted but Jesus said, ‘Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people’ (v.10). They saw it was a vision worth going for: ‘So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him’ (v.11).
- Follow
 - **Make Fishers of Men**
 - **Disciple Makers= fulfill purpose**
- Us?
 - **WORD important**

- Hebrews 4:12 Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
- Jesus' words, The WORD releases miracles
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.
- Partners
 - Matthew 9:37-38 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."
- Sin
 - Romans 3:23 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;
 - Recognize sin, but don't wallow, our identity after Jesus is "Saint" Son/Daughter of the King
- Don't be afraid
 - 1 John 4:7-8 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.
 - 1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.
 - Love dispels fear, Love is greater than fear
- Follow
 - Become a disciple then make disciples
 - Matthew 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
 - Become more like Jesus and help others to do the same.

Closing

If we open our eyes we will see Jesus still doing these things and we can join him in ministry doing the same things!