St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2025! Leading to Worship Sunday, May 4, 2025

Reading: John 21:1-19

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! EBC also has a video component on the St. John's website and St. John's YouTube channel. This week, we focus on finding Jesus, with him helping to do very human things to sustain us, even as he asks us to help others. Click here: https://youtu.be/SQn1KoO95il Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

Three Points

- The disciples have seen Jesus! But while he is away, Peter says, let's go fishing. This is not a lazy afternoon on the shore. Seven of the disciples take the boat out to fish overnight. But they catch nothing, until the next morning when a man on the shore says to put the net on the right side.
- As they catch loads of fish, they recognize Jesus. He is on the shore, with a small fire, cooking breakfast fish and bread. Come bring some fish, he says, and he feeds them!
- Then, Jesus three times asks Peter if he loves Jesus, and each time, when Peter says yes, Jesus responds, in some fashion, that Peter should tend and feed Jesus' sheep.

Two Questions

- Can you imagine?! Jesus, with the divine power to overcome death, is sitting on the shore, cooking breakfast for the disciples! In what ways do you find Jesus in your Everyday tasks, giving you nourishment and strength? How can we respond?
- Why do you think Peter proposed to go fishing? Was he (as some characterize it) "retreating" from Jesus, back to an "ordinary" life? Or was he carrying Jesus with him, into new ministry, founded on the skills God gave, and the tasks God set before him? What of your "earthly" tasks have a Godly purpose?

Action Step

• Find ways to do very ordinary things for those you love, and strangers too! Just as Jesus meets us in our very earthly needs, so can we "tend Jesus' sheep" in ordinary – and Grace filled – ways!

Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!