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THE GOSPEL OF JOHN · WORKSHEET · THURSDAY APR 8

John 21 · week 21 of 21

Breakfast on the Shore, Follow Me · Questions for the week

READ MONDAY – WEDNESDAY · MEET THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 8

Work the questions over three evenings, and bring the sheet on Thursday. Answer from the text first and write the verse beside every answer.

THE WEEK

Monday	Read John 21 straight through, then again with a pen and mark it · Mon, Apr 5
Tuesday	Read the study notes; answer the Observe questions and count the key words · Tue, Apr 6
Wednesday	Interpret, Weigh the Teachers, the Word study and Apply · Wed, Apr 7
Thursday evening	Together: watch the John 21 part of the film, go through the worksheet, pray · Thu, Apr 8

KEY VERSE

> **JOHN 21:15 · NASB**
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GROUP WORKSHEET · OBSERVE · INTERPRET · APPLY

John 21

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BEFORE YOU ANSWER

1. Read John 21 straight through, then a second time slowly with a pen.
2. Mark what you see: God · commands · repeated words · sin / warnings · promises · time / place.
3. Answer from the text first. Write the verse number beside every answer.

COUNT THE KEY WORDS

Find each word in John 21. Tally it and note the verses. What does John keep coming back to?

WORD	HOW MANY?	VERSES
fish		
love / loved / loves		
follow / following		
Simon Peter		
disciple		
sheep / lambs		

JOHN 21:1–8 The Empty Net

1 OBSERVE

What did Peter decide to do, who went with him, and how did the night go (21:2–3)?

2 OBSERVE

What did the Stranger on the beach ask and tell them, and what happened (21:5–6)?

3 OBSERVE

Who recognized Jesus first, and what did Peter do (21:7)?

4 INTERPRET

Read Luke 5:1–11. Why would this catch tell them who was on the shore?

5 APPLY

Guzik on the night of fishing: "Whether their motives were good or bad, that night they caught nothing." Where have you gone back to what you know and come up empty without Jesus?

JOHN 21:9–14 Breakfast

6 OBSERVE

What did they find on the shore, and what did Jesus invite them to do (21:9, 12)?

7 WEIGH THE TEACHERS

John counts 153 large fish, "and although there were so many, the net was not torn" (21:11). Guzik: "all we know for certain is that 153 represents the number of fish in the net." Spurgeon draws a picture from the unbroken net. Why might an eyewitness record the number?

JOHN 21:15–17 Restored

8 OBSERVE

Write down Jesus' three questions and three commands to Peter (21:15–17).

9 INTERPRET

John uses the word for "charcoal fire" only in 18:18 and 21:9. What happened at the first fire, and why three questions at the second?

10 INTERPRET

Why was Peter grieved (21:17)? Does the switch between two Greek words for love explain it?

11 WEIGH THE TEACHERS

What did Jesus mean by "more than these" (21:15)? Guzik: more than the other men love Me. Henry: more than "the delights of sense and all the profits of this world." Spurgeon notes Peter answered "not as to the quantity but as to the quality of his love." How would you answer?

12 APPLY

Jesus did not just forgive Peter; He gave him work to do. What sheep has Jesus given you to tend?

JOHN 21:18–23 Follow

13 OBSERVE

What did Jesus tell Peter about his old age, and what did it signify (21:18–19)?

14 OBSERVE

What did Peter ask about the beloved disciple, and how did Jesus answer (21:21–22)?

15 INTERPRET

What rumor did 21:23 correct?

16 APPLY

Whom do you compare your path with? Write what "You follow Me!" means for you this week.

JOHN 21:24–25 The Witness

17 OBSERVE

What does John say about his own testimony, and about everything Jesus did (21:24–25)?

WORD STUDY The Greek behind the English

18 WORD *anthrakia* · G439 · charcoal fire

Compare 18:18 and 21:9. Where were you standing at your own first fire, and how has Jesus met you since?

19 WORD *akoloutheō* · G190 · to follow

"Follow Me" is the first call (1:43) and the last command (21:19, 22). What does that tell you about the whole Christian life?

PUT IT TOGETHER The chapter as a whole

The theme. In one or two sentences of your own, what is John 21 about?

Jesus. What does this chapter show you about who Jesus is that you want to remember?

This week. What one thing will you do because of this chapter, and which brother will you tell?

Around the table. Prayer requests and what the other men saw that you missed.

ACTS 17:11

The Chosen check

> ACTS 17:11 · NASB
> *"...examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so."*

WATCH THIS WEEK

No episode in Seasons 1–5 covers John 21. Compare Season 1, Episode 4 (the Luke 5 catch of fish)

Watch the episode after you have read the chapter. Then test it by the text — answer from John first, and write the verse beside every answer.

C1 OBSERVE

Set Luke 5:1–11 (shown in Season 1, Episode 4) beside John 21:1–14. What is the same? What is different?

C2 OBSERVE

Read 21:9 and 18:18. Why does the charcoal fire matter? What does Jesus ask Peter three times?

C3 INTERPRET

What did the episode add that John 21 does not say? Does the addition help you see the text, or does it change what the text means?

C4 APPLY

The Bereans received the word eagerly and examined the Scriptures daily (Acts 17:11). Where are you most tempted to let a picture, a sermon or a feeling stand in for the text?

The Chosen is a drama, not Scripture. God's Word is the truth; where the film differs, the Word wins.