

## **ULC Sermon Study Resource**

***He is Risen // Risen to Remind***

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**Prayer:** Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

**Icebreaker:** What is your favorite way to relax?

**Reading:** John 21:1-11

### **Outline:**

- I. The Boat (v. 1-3)
  - A. Previously the disciples were locked in their homes in fear. Luke reminds us Jesus actually told them to remain in the city, so they went back to fishing and were no longer afraid. However, they lack direction. What now?
  - B. “The ‘what now’ is to live as Christs for our neighbors. That means wherever you are, on a fishing boat or in an office designing car parts, do it as one who carries Christ to your neighbor.” - Pastor Marcus  
***Q: How do you serve others in your day to day life?***
- II. The Catch (v. 4-8)
  - A. Jesus performs the familiar miracle of increasing the disciple’s fishing catch that he also performed in Luke. Why is that?
  - B. Jesus shows up in the familiar. In word, water, bread & wine, we gather to remember again and again, because He promises to be present with us. His presence makes us new.  
***Q: When have you felt Jesus’s presence most strongly?***
- III. The Fish (v. 9-11)
  - A. We’re told that the disciples get 153 fish in a single catch. This number is symbolic of Ezekiel’s vision of a new restored temple as a sign of future restoration of Israel in the messianic age. The messianic age is here.
  - B. New life comes wherever Jesus is. This means every moment, every relationship, every interaction is lived in the newness of Christ and his forgiveness.  
***Q: How do you remind yourself of your new life with Christ?***

### **Reflection/Application Questions:**

- 1) How do we overcome fear in order to live our new lives with Christ?
- 2) How can we discern the best ways to live for our neighbors to show them God’s love?
- 3) How can we tell when Jesus is showing up in the familiar?
- 4) How can we find new life in Christ when it’s most difficult to?

### **Suggestions for further study:**

- Galatians 2:20 Q: How does this verse teach us about how Jesus shows up in the familiar?
- John 2:18-21 Q: How do these verses relate to having new life in Jesus during the new messianic age?

### **Closing Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, we thank you for the new life we have in you. We thank you for your faithfulness and that you continue to show up in the familiar parts of our lives. Teach us to live for others in all that we do so that we may glorify you. Amen.