



## Crossroads Sermon Study

*TBH: The Head Mess*

John 21:1-19

April 30, 2023

**Lean In:** Do you like to fish? Why or why not? Share a fishing story.

**Look In:** Read **John 21:1-19** aloud together and write verse 17-18 in your journal.

**Look Back:** What stood out to you most about this week's teaching? What questions do you have? What encouraged you? What challenged you? What comforted you?

### Take it Deeper:

1. Peter jumped into the water and swam *toward* Jesus (as opposed to away). What might this indicate about Peter's thoughts/beliefs about Jesus after his denial? What might this indicate what Peter thought/believed about himself?
2. Read Matthew 26:31-33. "More than these" could have been referring to Peter's bold claim to be more devoted than any of the disciples. Or perhaps "these" referred to his life as a fisherman? What do you think? Are there any bold claims in your life that you may need to examine in the presence of Jesus?
3. Is there anything in your life that has prevented you from answering this one question, "Do you love me?" Have you feared that your failure or your sin has been a sign of your lack of love for Jesus? Where in your life have you made following Jesus about competency more than intimacy?
4. The sin in Peter's life messed with his head and what he thought was true. Have you ever thought, "*how could a mess like me follow Jesus?*" Have you ever tried to "make it up to Jesus?" What truth do you need to proclaim over these thoughts?
5. "*Jesus Christ asks each one of us, not for obedience primarily, not for repentance, not for vows, not for conduct, but for a heart; and that being given, all the rest will follow.*" (Alexander Maclaren) What is your response to this statement?
6. If you were in a conversation with God this week, how would you finish the sentence about your current life's circumstance? "Tbh \_\_\_\_\_." How do you imagine God might answer your honest confession based on today's message?

**Look Up:** *Father, I confess that I want answers and you want intimacy. I want the directions and you want me to walk with You. I want solutions and You want me to trust. Forgive me for treating you like a distant, uninterested, uncaring God, when all along you have been inviting me close. Help me to draw near to you and honestly answer the question you have been asking me.*