

## SCC Small Group Discussion What Now?

Derived from the sermon on December 31, 2023 by Keith Sandell

### Getting Started:

Keith started his sermon talking about Christmas. What was your favorite part of Christmas when you were a child? What is your favorite part of Christmas now?

What are some ways Jesus could show up in our lives? What are some ways Jesus has shown up in your life?

### Searching the Scriptures:

- A. Read through John 21:1-14. Does anything jump out to you? Anything you don't understand?
  
- B. Luke records a similar miracle at the beginning of his story in Luke 5:1-11. How are these stories similar? How are they different? What significance is there in having a similar miracle at both the beginning and end of Jesus' time with his disciples?
  
- C. In several resurrection appearances, including this one, characters don't initially recognize Jesus. Why do you think that is? What is the significance here in how the disciples recognize Jesus?
  
- D. What do you think of this quote from Keith's sermon?  
"It may seem that after Christmas we go back to our mundane, or ordinary lives, but the truth is there are no mundane or ordinary days in the life of a Christian. Because each day is the opportunity to meet God, the opportunity to have Jesus show up."  
Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Why?

E. Thinking about the past year, do you have any regrets?

F. How can we embrace forgiveness in our regrets and messes?

G. What did you think of this quote from Keith's sermon, "The beautiful thing about Christianity is that Jesus was perfect, so you don't have to be."

H. How do we balance receiving forgiveness from Jesus, but also not living in sin?

**Application of Scripture:**

A. What would it look like to be excited to see Jesus?

B. What's one way this week you can be excited to see Jesus?

C. What did you think of the sermon as a whole? Anything jump out to you? Anything you liked or disliked?