# The risen Jesus 5 John 21:1-14 The miracle within

# Falling flat

## After an adventurous time coming home can be a difficult time

### The experience has changed you, but not the people around you

## The danger of going back

### Thomas went back to acting like a person without faith

#### This group did the same

## These do not look like people who have received the Holy Spirit

### It’s a real temptation to wallow

# God gives experiences of His presence to encourage your faith

## God’s timing is perfect

### Jesus arrived and, as before, they didn’t recognise Him

## John recognised Jesus by the effect He had

### He spoke, they obeyed, things happened

#### It’s the common story of faith throughout history

# God does not need your fish!

## You are not indispensable, but…

## But you are invited to bring and share what you have

# Jesus is risen

## A truth worth believing

## A truth worth living for

## A truth worth dying for

## A truth worth exploring

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# The significance of John 21

### Some have argued that John 21 was added later because the gospel seems to conclude at 20:30,31 but no manuscripts of John have been found without it

## How does this ending of John change the shape the gospel by adding the miraculous catch of fish and the re-instatement of Peter?

### How would it help the followers of Jesus ‘back then’?

### How can it help us now?

# Falling flat

## Think back to a time when you fell flat after a great event/achievement

### What did you do when the event was finished?

### How did you pick yourself up afterwards?

### How far do you agree that ‘falling flat’ can lead to self-pity?

## Do Spirit-filled Christians ‘fall flat?’

### Discuss this

# God gives His presence for a reason

## How far do you agree that God’s presence comes to encourage your faith and not just when you want it?

## How do you recognise the presence of Jesus?

### What are the distinctive hallmarks (if any) of your encounters with Him?

# God does not need your fish

## Why do you think Jesus had His own fish?

### Where do you think they came from?

## Why do you think He invited them to bring more?

### What is Jesus teaching them through this encounter?

# The third time

## There were a number of resurrection appearances

### John reports 4 (Mary and 3 encounters with disciples)

### Matthew reports only 2 (to the women then to the 11 in Galilee)

### Mark reports 3 (Mary, 2 disciples (road to Emmaus?), & the 11)

### Luke reports at least 3 (2 disciples on road to Emmaus, Simon, the disciples)

### 1 Corinthians 15:5-8 tells of more

#### How many times do you think He appeared?

#### Can you put them in order?