

“JESUS ON THE MOVE”
“Jesus Moves through Hunger”

Hunger drives behavior. If you don't believe me, try spending a day with a child without feeding them and tell me how it works out for you! (On second thought, don't do that, just trust me.) Though a simple biological reality, hunger is also a spiritual reality. In so many accounts of the journey of Jesus, he feeds people. He feeds them with fish and bread, but also with the good news of the gospel. Jesus moves through our hunger to satisfy our souls, and then asks us to join him in the feeding. As we continue our celebration of Easter, after the fasting of Lent, join one another in feasting on the “Bread of Life” and sharing with others who might also be hungry. Leslie Coates

Things I'd like to remember from today's sermon: **“Jesus Moves through Hunger”**

Daily prayer:

O God, to those who have hunger give bread, and to us who have bread give the hunger for justice.

This week's sermon may be viewed at <http://sundaystreams.com/go/firstwichita>

Study Guide

Monday, May 6, 2019 John 21: 1-6

Just because we go fishing, we are not guaranteed to catch fish. This is why it is called “fishing,” and not “catching.” Jesus enters the picture of this part of our scripture and a simple instruction, closely followed, results in the catching of desired fish. *Do you recall a time in your life when seeking what your heart desired left you fruitless until you followed Jesus’ instruction? Can you imagine what it would mean to you, today, to include Jesus in your “fishing?”*

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 John 21:7-14

“It is the Lord!” says Peter, and then as was his personality, he jumps overboard and swims to shore. Then, later, after all have arrived in the boat no one is brave enough to ask if it is, in fact, Jesus. Is this not so often the way in our lives as followers of Jesus? In one moment we are so certain of our Lord we would jump overboard and swim to shore, and in the very next moment we don’t even have the courage to ask if it is Jesus before us. *Are you experiencing either of these extremes in your life? What would it look like to explore this further?*

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 John 21:15-19

In this final portion of our Gospel text, Simon Peter is singled out and charged with a great task, “feed my sheep.” There are some who are called to leadership in ways the rest of us are not. This blessing is an honor, but can also come at a great price. Jesus predicts Simon Peter’s eventual martyrdom, and sets the tone for future leaders of our church. We sometimes treat our church leaders like celebrities and sometimes like servants. *How often do we consider them blessed with a burden not many of us would be willing to bear? What role are you willing to take to “feed the sheep” of our Lord?*

Thursday, May 9, 2019 Revelation 5:11-14

Revelation can be read as a long and intricate picture of Jesus. In today’s reading, we see Jesus as both the greatly honored, as well as the “slaughtered lamb.” Much like the paradox of Peter, there a greatness and a suffering living in one person. Though we do not seek out suffering, if we suffer in the name of God’s love and new creation, could it not be for the greater glory? Jesus models how to be both fully human, and fully divine. *How are you being called into greatness? Are the challenges before you overwhelming, even scary? Can we find comfort in Jesus who knows human suffering as well as divine love?*

Friday, May 10, 2019 Psalm 42:1-4

In this Psalm, we are reminded what it is to hunger for God, and reminded we are not alone when we thirst for God. The Psalmist uses the gift of language to describe what we so often feel. We hunger for God’s protection and the “bread of life.” Hunger is good. Hunger drives behavior. *Next time you feel hunger, remember the hunger we have for God deep within our spirit and remember to feed it. Feed it through following the instructions of Jesus, and looking upon his face.*