**Small Groups @ TBC:**

**Sermon Discussion Notes**

**Date of Sermon:**  26 April 2015

**Speaker:** Mike levy

**Title:** Breakfast on the Beach

**Introduction:** Some of the Disciples had returned to Galilee and to fishing while they waited for Jesus (Mathew 28 vs 10).

**Read:** John 21 verse 1-14 and Luke 5 verses 1-11

**Review:** Some of the Disciples had gone back, back to Galilee and back to their day job of fishing – but although they had gone back and although this was the second time that Jesus had intervened in a miraculous fishing trip, things could never be the same. They had changed through the years of walking with Jesus and the world had changed through the death and resurrection of the Lord of Lords. Although John 21 can be seen as a reaffirmation of the call in Luke 5 it is a call to walk with Jesus in a new way as he prepares Peter, and the rest of the Disciples, for a new thing. The passage also reminds us that that the gifts, skills abilities, knowledge that we each have all come from God and are most effective when used in obedience to the Lord of Lords and under His direction. Then we have Peter – good old impetuous, emotional, passionate Peter, a doer not a thinker, someone who makes mistakes but is passionate about His Lord. Jesus looks at his heart not at his mistakes. Sometimes we need to just get stuck in like Peter does, have some passion and heart, step out in ministry and accept that we are not perfect. To throw our net onto the other side of the boat – something new.

**Reflect:**

1. In what way does your past influence your life now?
2. Is your past a foundation for your ‘now’ and your future or are you trying to live in the past?
3. What new things might God be preparing you for?
4. How might you use your gifts, skills, abilities, knowledge more under the direction of the Lord of Lords?
5. What is your character type and how does it influence your relationship with others and with God?
6. Who are the Christian role models in your life and how have you been influenced by them?

**Respond:**

1. Ask for the Holy Spirit to come and then sit in quiet and wait to hear what he says.
2. Share what you think the Holy Spirit is saying to you.
3. Pray for those things and bless what God is doing in your life – pray for each person one by one if they are happy for this to be done.
4. Depending on how the meeting goes at this point – end with a great song of praise.

**Suggestion**

1. As this passage involves a fishing trip why not start the meeting start by having fish and chips together … there is no analogy or deep spiritual meaning to this...it is good to eat together when we meet and maybe having fish will be a memory peg for your group to remember the evening by.