

ANALYSIS:

1. Who are the seven disciples, and what are they doing as the chapter begins? _____

2. How many unusual things can you find concerning this catch of fish? _____

3. What question does Jesus ask Peter three times, and what is Peter's answer? _____

4. What did Jesus say about John that was misunderstood by the disciples? _____

5. How does the human writer of this book identify himself in this chapter? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Peter, like many of us, failed to focus on the Lord's command for him, which was, "Follow me." Instead, he questions whether John is fulfilling the Lord's will. Jesus rebukes Peter and repeats his command, "Follow thou me." We do have a responsibility to pray for, encourage and restore to fellowship our brothers and sisters. But we do not have responsibility to question their heart motive in their service to the Lord. We must strive to know and to do what the Lord gives us to do.

Let us serve the Lord faithfully where He has placed us. Only we can know if we are being true to His calling in our lives. Remember it was the "good and faithful servant" who was praised and honored in the parable of the talents (Mt 25:14-30). He did what was expected of him. While the unprofitable servant cost his lord by failing to do what was expected of him. Although he had a talent, he refused to use it so that his lord might receive profit.

HELP:

1. Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, James, John and two unidentified disciples have been fishing all night.

2. They caught nothing all night, but when Jesus tells them to cast their net on the right side of the ship, immediately they catch a multitude of fish in obedience to Jesus' command, the net is full, the catch is of great fish, 153 fish, the catch was too large to draw into the boat, John recognizes that it is Jesus on the shore, the net does not break (vs 6-11).

3. Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these, Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee (vs 15-17).

4. If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? (v 22).

5. That disciple that Jesus loved (v 7), the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on His breast at supper (v 20), This is that disciple which testifieth these things, and wrote these things, and we know that his testimony is true (v 24).