



Unusual Catch

Text: Matthew 17:22-27

Prayer

Icebreaker: Do you have an interesting fish story you can share in your Living Connections small group?

1. When Jesus and His disciples regrouped in Galilee after a field trip to Caesarea Philippi and to Mt. Hermon what important truth did Jesus want to drive home to their hearts, and what was their response? Matthew 17:22-23

2. Why was it so important that Jesus speak to His disciples about this truth at least 5 times over the preceding couple of weeks? 1) Matthew 16:21; 2) Luke 9:30-31; 3) Mark 9:30-31; 4) Luke 9:43-45; 5) Matthew 17:22-23

3. Why would the Jewish authorities ask whether Jesus had paid His temple tax?
Matthew 17:24

4. What answer did Peter give in defense of His Master? Matthew 17:25a

5. What was the history of this Temple/Poll or census tax? Exodus 30:11-16

6. What divine attribute did Jesus demonstrate when Peter came into the house?
Matthew 17:25; John 2:23-25; Mark 2:8; Luke 9:47

7. What lesson did Peter learn from Jesus found in Matthew 17:25-26?

8. As sons of the King of kings and citizens of Heaven why then should we pay taxes?
Matthew 17:27a, 22:15-22; 1 Corinthians 9:22; Romans 13:7

9. Talk about the possible chain of events that had to transpire for Jesus' instructions to Peter to work out so that he could collect the tax money from a fish?

10. What instructions and promise does our Lord make about our Heavenly Father's care for His children? Matthew 6:25-34

11. Give some examples of how God has provided for you and your family over the years.

Think about it this week:

Got any rivers you think are un-crossable
Got any mountains you can't tunnel through
God specializes in things thought impossible
He does the things others cannot do