



### Talk summary:

#### **Love looks like a Beach BBQ [John 21:7-19]**

Courageous & compassionate conversations lead to forgiveness & friendship

1. **Jesus creates space for the conversation [John 21:9]**
  - a. Jesus sets up a beach BBQ as a direct recall to Peter's denial (John 18:18). Jesus has carefully prepared his beach BBQ moment. He has prepared some bread and fish – he acts with generosity and care. How might we do the same when we have a breakdown in relationship?
2. **Jesus speaks to Peter directly [John 21:15]**
  - a. Jesus leans in and in his own special way brings up the issue between them. Jesus does speak in a rather coded way here, which he can do because he's Jesus but for us mere mortals we may need to be a little clearer in our reconciliation conversations to avoid being misunderstood (see Matthew 18:15).
3. **Jesus starts where Peter is at [John 21:17]**
  - a. There are two different Greek words for love in this passage. Agape – meaning a self-giving Godly love. Phileo – the love of friendship. Jesus uses the word agape (self-giving love), but each time Peter replies saying 'phileo' (friendship love). But the third time Jesus joins Peter and uses the phileo word. It's like Jesus is ok to start where Peter is at – which is the place he starts with us. (Although note that Peter ends up dying with an agape love for Jesus!) How might we take that stance when someone has let us down?
  - b.

### Questions:

#### **Conversation Starter**

*Do we tend to avoid or wade into conflict and arguments? How might we grow in courageous and compassionate conversations? What situations might Jesus want to bring reconciliation for us? Where have we tried to have a direct conversation with someone we fell out with or who hurt us? How did it go?*

**What might God be saying to me about this theme/situation?**

**What have I learnt that I want to hold on to?**

**How am I going to put it into practice?**