



WALKING WITH JESUS

To start your time together, share the evidences of God’s grace you have experienced this past week. Share and discuss: How have you been challenged through scripture and prayer this past week? Invite 1-2 individuals in your group to share one of the greatest challenges they have experienced in life this week. Have you shared the Gospel message with someone this week? If yes, share how it went. If no, what stops you?

OPENING COMMENT

Being a disciple (a follower, a student) of Jesus - often referred to as “the Christian walk” - is the most dangerous, yet safest thing one could ever do. The Gospel of John, chapter 6, recounts the time when Jesus came to His disciples walking on the water - yet we cannot miss the implications for our walk with Him. Walking with Jesus, as His first disciples discovered, is absolutely *terrifying*, yet so assuring and *comforting* - as we discover the sovereignty, care and control of a God, revealed in Jesus, whose greatest desire is to see us *saved* when we put all of our trust, obedience and faith in *Him*.

What was the truth or lesson that impressed you most from Sunday’s sermon?

OPEN YOUR BIBLE AND READ: John 6:16-21

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. ¹⁸A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. ¹⁹When they had rowed three or three and a half miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, “It is I; don’t be afraid.” ²¹Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore



where they were heading.” ... with your bible read together Matthew 14:22-34; Mark 6:45-56

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A. ... IS THE MOST DANGEROUS THING WE CAN DO.

It's not Always Smooth Sailing — It Demands our All

1. The account of Jesus walking on the water is recorded in three of the four gospels. How are the three accounts similar? How are they different?
2. What is the focus in Matthews account? Who joined Jesus in walking on the water?
3. What is the focus of Mark's account? How hard were the disciples working to row across the sea in the storm?
4. What is the focus in John's account? What did Jesus say to the disciples that was meant to alleviate their fear?
5. Where do we get the idea that the Christian life is a trouble free life? If Jesus' earthly life, and the eternal life He offers, began in a stable and ended on a cross, what makes us think that following him will be pain-free, struggle free, void of boat rides and choppy seas?
6. "Discuss the following statement: "Sometimes life gets tough because God wants us there." Does the power of God terrify you? At what point(s) in your life have you learned the greatest lessons? When in your life have you "gone deep" or all-in" with Jesus and those around you?
7. Today, what is God teaching you? Are you learning? Are you pressing in to Jesus as His disciple?

B. ... IS THE SAFEST THING WE CAN DO.

Jesus is All Knowing — Jesus is in Prayer
Jesus is Involved — Jesus is in Control

- a) He Meets us
- b) He Speaks to us
- c) He is With us

Jesus Saves

1. When Jesus commanded the disciples into the boat, do you believe he knew that it would be a rough ride to the other side of the lake? How does Jesus knowing what is coming in our lives effect how you view the struggles you go through?



2. The passage tells us that in the midst of the storm, Jesus was praying. What do you believe he was praying about? What do you go to first, when you encounter a struggle, complaints, gossip, fear, or prayer? Why is a "prayer first" strategy so important in your Christian walk?
3. In light of the message on Sunday how is Jesus involved in our lives? What does it mean for Jesus to meet us, to speak to us, and to be with us? What parts of the text describe/demonstrate what Jesus will do in your life?
4. Where does Jesus have you at the moment? Have you heard and obeyed His voice? Do you trust Him? Are your eyes fixed on Him? How is he revealing Himself to you today? Do you have assurance that you will make it safely "to the other side"?

CHALLENGE

In the midst of a world that is in decline all around us with storms on every side, make a commitment to live your life this week as one who really believe that Jesus is Lord. He still commands the wind and the waves and has power to walk through your storm to speak the words, "It is I, do not be afraid."

SHARE & PRAY

- Pray over those circumstances in each others lives that tend to have you walking in fear and can shake your faith. Praise God for those times when your true understanding of the Gospel message has gotten you through a rough patch in your Christian walk.
- Pray for courage and understanding as you walk life in freedom with confidence that Jesus is in control and saves.
- Conclude by spending some time praying for one another, with the understanding that Jesus greatest desire is to see us saved when we put our trust in Him. Pray for those in your life that are in need of a relationship with Jesus.

