

Goldstone Church
Small Group Questions
Matthew 14:22-33

For Starting

- If you could spend ONE month with anyone alive today, who would it be and why?
- What almost kept you from coming to Mini Group today?
- Describe an answer to prayer.
- What word or phrase stands out when you read this passage?

For Reviewing

- What crowd did Jesus dismiss (v.22)? See Matthew 14:20-21
- Where did Jesus go after dismissing the crowd (v.23)? Why?
- How far out from the shore were the disciples in the storm (v.24)?
- When the disciples saw Jesus, how did they respond (v.25-26)?
- How did Jesus reassure the disciples (v.27)?
- Whose identity did Peter check before leaving the boat (v.28-29)?
- What caused Peter to begin to sink (v.30)? What did he do?
- How was Peter saved (v.31)?
- What happened when Peter & Jesus climbed into the boat (v.32)?
- What title did the disciples use when worshipping Jesus (v.33)?
Where else is this title used? e.g. Matthew 4:3; Psalm 2:7

For Discussion

- This was not the first time the disciples had seen that Jesus was in control on the water. Compare this passage with Matt 8:23-27.
- Despite his faith in Jesus' word, why did Peter begin to sink?
See 2 Corinthians 5:6-7; Colossians 3:17; Hebrew 12:1-3.
- What are some examples of how we let doubt overcome our faith? What are some of the storms of life that people often experience? What are the causes of these storms?
- "*True faith is shown in complete dependence on Jesus*". Do you agree/disagree? Why or why not?
How does this impact our personal and corporate praying today?
- In what way/s is Jesus asking us to pray in faith today?
- You could end by reading together Matthew 14:32-33.

Matthew 14:22-33 (NIVUK)

Jesus Walks on the Water

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

²⁹ "Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

