



Session 5 Jesus Walks on Water
week starting March 29, 2020

Everyone is afraid of something. What are you afraid of? Fear can prevent us from stepping out in faith towards Jesus. The miracle of Jesus walking on water follows the miracle of feeding the 5,000. Often, the most challenging and scary situations we face follow on the heels of a mountain top experience. In the fifth sign of John, we see how the disciples responded to Jesus' command, "It is I, do not be afraid."

GETTING STARTED

What is your biggest fear? Or, What were you afraid of as a child?

DISCUSSION

- "Do not be afraid" is the most common command in the Bible. Why do you think that is?
- Read John 6:16–21. The miracle of feeding of the 5,000 occurs before the disciples experience the miracle of Jesus walking on rough waters. Have you had a mountain top experience followed by a deep valley? Explain.
- In the Jewish tradition, water represented chaos. How might this understanding explain how the disciples responded to Jesus walking on water? How would you have reacted if you saw Jesus walking on water?
- Is there a situation in your life that feels like a storm? What would it look like for Jesus to show up for you in this storm?
- In verse 20 Jesus says, "It is I." Jesus identifies himself the same way that God reveals himself in his conversation with Moses at the burning bush in Exodus 3:13–15. What is Jesus revealing about himself with his word choice?
- What reaction do the disciples have to Jesus's words in verse 21? Why do they accept Jesus's invitation? What would it take for you to accept Jesus's invitation to join him?
- If fear and faith could talk, what would they say? For example, fear might say "keep your eyes on the storm" and faith would say, "_____."

LIVE IT OUT!

What is one truth about God, or a verse that will help you focus on faith over fear this week? Write it on a post-it and stick it where you will see it every morning.

John 6:20, "But Jesus said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid."

PRAY

Dear Jesus, we desire to choose faith over fear. Forgive us and help us recognize the fears that keep us from accepting the invitation to join you. Remind us that you are always available. Show us how to trust you in our storms. Thank you for being the great "I AM." Amen.