

Oceans: Week 3

High School Small Group Questions

Bottom Line: Will you get out of the boat?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Immediately after this, Jesus made his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake while he sent the people home. Afterward he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone. Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came to them, walking on the water. When the disciples saw him, they screamed in terror, thinking he was a ghost. But Jesus spoke to them at once. "It's all right," he said. "I am here! Don't be afraid." Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you by walking on water." "All right, come," Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. But when he looked around at the high waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted. Instantly Jesus reached out his hand and grabbed him. "You don't have much faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?" And when they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. Then the disciples worshiped him. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed. (Matthew 14:22-33 NLT)

Create meaningful conversation. Adjust questions as needed, and don't feel like you need to answer all of them.

1. Have you ever made an impulsive decision?
2. What happened?
3. Has God ever called you to get out of the boat?
4. Did you get out?
5. What are some fears that keep us in the boat?
6. What are some fears that cause us to get out of the boat?
 - Frustrations?
 - Compassions?
7. What step have you thought about taking that would help expand your spiritual comfort zone?
8. Will you choose to take that step or some other step this week?
9. Will you choose to do something this week that will help you get out of the boat?

NEXT STEP: Leaders, please feel free to share some instances of you choosing to get out of the boat and other times when you didn't take that step to get out when God was calling you to.