

WALK ON WATER (Matthew 14:22-36)

CONNECT—Think of a fun-icebreaker question to ask. For example, if you could do one better than anyone else in the world, what would you want to do better than anyone else?

DISCUSS

What most stood out to you from Pat's sermon this past week? What was one of your big takeaways?

Read Matthew 14:22-33

What stands out to you about these verses?

Why is it significant that Jesus "made" His disciples get in the boat and cross before Him?

Jesus likely spent an extended time alone and in prayer. What do you think Jesus was praying about? Why do you think He needed this time? Describe the most powerful season of prayer in your life. What were some of the things that made that season particularly powerful?

What was Jesus' purpose in walking on the water? One of the most common phrases that Jesus utters is "Do not be afraid." Why is that significant? Describe a time when it was necessary for you to hear "Do not be afraid" from Jesus.

What is praiseworthy about Peter's actions? Where is an area of your life that God might be calling you to take a step of faith like Peter did in our passage? Peter's issue was not that he got out of the boat but what he did when he got out of the boat. Why did Peter start to sink? What are some circumstances or issues in your life that tend to draw your gaze from Jesus?

In what way is Jesus being gracious in verse 31? What is the disciples' response to Jesus in verse 33? Describe a time in your life when you took a step of faith and it led you to worship Jesus more fully.

Read Matthew 14:34-36 (We did not talk about this in the sermon).

What do these verses add?

RELATE—Consider splitting into guys and girls for this section.

What has been your biggest spiritual highlight this week? What has been your biggest spiritual struggle this week? What is one action step that you are going to take this week in light of this discussion?

IMPACT (Invite, Engage, Share)

Who is one person that you are going to invite to church next week?