

DISCOVER. UNDERSTAND. APPLY.

Bible Study: Matthew 14:23-33

SMALL GROUP SESSION

May 16 2021



Matthew 14:23-33

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Discovery
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Understanding
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Application
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Matthew 14:23-33

NIV

23 And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. 24 But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

25 Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea.



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26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out for fear.

27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.”

28 And Peter answered Him and said, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.”



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29 So He said, “Come.” And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!”



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31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

33 Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, “Truly You are the Son of God.”



“As a disciple of Christ, I will walk with my eyes fixed on him at all times and trust in him in all circumstances.”

Discovery Questions

#1

In v. 22, what did Jesus do with his disciples and with the crowd after doing the miracle of feeding the 5,000 (referring to the event in v. 17-21) & (v. 22)? What did he do himself after that? (v. 23)

Discovery Questions

#2

What happened while the boat was still far away from land?

What caused his disciples to be terrified? (24 -25)



Discovery Questions

#3

When Peter replied, “Lord, if it’s really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water” what demonstration of God’s power did he experience? (v. 29)



Understanding Questions

#1

Why did Jesus send his disciples to go ahead of him? (v. 22- 23).



Understanding Questions

#2

Why did Peter sink into the water when he was able to walk on it earlier? (v. 30 & 31)



Understanding Questions

#3

What for you is the significance of the phrase “begins to sink” (v. 30)



Understanding Questions

#4

What could Jesus be trying to accomplish in Peter's life in inviting him to "come" and in allowing him to sink later? What was Jesus also trying to show his disciples with his walking on the water miracle that they had witnessed? (v. 31-32)



Application Questions

#1

How can you build up your faith and trust in Jesus? How will you maintain faith in God in the midst of difficult situations or struggles in life?



Application Questions

#2

Has your faith been tested in the past or is being tested at present? Do you have any encouragement or promise in God's Word that has strengthened you or that you can hang on to? Share with the group. (Time for prayer follows on what was shared).



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Closing Prayer



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See you next week!

