

Youth Discussion Guide

For the week of December 30, 2018 - January 5, 2019

Main Thought and Passages:

"After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. ²⁵Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them..."
(Matthew 14:23-25 NIV)

- God will allow storms to help grow our faith and create a desperation for Him.
- We tend to take things for granted when we know they'll always be there. Taking Jesus for granted will stunt our faith.

*"When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. 'It's a ghost,' they said, and cried out in fear. ²⁷But 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..."*
(Matthew 14:26-29 NIV)

- During hard times in our lives, we may not realize that Jesus has come to us in our time of need.
- We must take courage and continue to wait on Jesus, listening for His voice and discerning the peace of His presence.

*"Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!'
³¹Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?'
³²And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down." (Matthew 14:29-32 NIV)*

- We need to take a step of faith in obedience to what Jesus is leading us to do in the midst of storms in our lives and the peace of God will follow.
- A real step of faith isn't based on radical risk but on obeying God's actual voice.
- When we focus on the storm, we'll stumble and fall. When we focus on Jesus through reading our word and praying, we'll make it through.

Discussion Questions:

- What stood out to you from the main passage and thoughts above? Why?
- Do you usually face your hardships with faith? Explain why or why not.
- What storm are you currently facing in your life? What's one practical thing you can do to seek Jesus more during this storm?

Prayer Points:

- Pray for each other's storms that they're going through.
- Pray for those around you that may have a difficult time during this season and that they'll find Jesus in their storm.

Announcements:

- **WINTER BREAK G2's:** Follow up with your coach/mentor for G2's during the winter break.
- **SUNDAY YOUTH HUDDLE:** Starting January 6, we will be having a Youth Huddle during the 9:00am and 11:00am Sunday morning Main Campus services. If you know of any friends that can't make our Friday night services, invite them here!