



"Take Courage & Do Not Fear"

Sunday, April 19, 2020

Matthew 14:22-36

A Time of Worship

Pray—what are some things (or some individuals) you have been praying about this week that you'd like to pray about together?

This week, for convenience, the Communion devotion led by Ricky Pierce is in the same video with Jimi's lesson from **Matthew 14**. Use this study guide to discuss together.

Opener: *Have you had difficulty keeping focus these past few weeks? If so, what have you done to help yourself stay focused?*

Bible Study: **Matthew 14:22-36**

Discuss:

- What about your worship times at home have been different from normal? What has been the same?
- Describe a time when you felt the need to be alone with the Father. Have you ever experienced anything like Jesus experienced in the first part of ch. 14?
- How do you imagine Jesus must've felt with people constantly crowding him and wanting something from him?
- Describe a time, like the disciples in the boat, when you have felt afraid. Have you felt afraid during the last few weeks?
- Peter was impulsive, but at least he got out of the boat. Share one thing you admire about Peter. Share something you don't.
- Peter simply wanted to do what his master was doing (walking on water). Isn't that what a disciple/ a follower is supposed to do? What else does Peter do that demonstrates his desire to follow Jesus?

Application:

Where do you need more courage in your walk with Jesus this week?

In what way(s) do you need to get out of the boat (out of your comfort zone) to do something for God this week?