

Awakened from Small Dreams

Matthew 14:22-33

Taking it Home:

1. What God-sized dreams do you have? What practical steps will you take to follow Jesus onto the water to do the impossible?
2. What practical steps can you take to keep from sinking?

Prayer Concerns:**Peter and the Sea****Boat dwellers**

1. Idolize _____ and _____
Why risk what _____?
2. Fear _____
What if it doesn't _____?
3. Desire to please _____ more than _____
What will _____?
4. Get caught in the _____ of _____
Why do what _____?

Water Walkers

1. Receive a call from Jesus to _____
2. Respond to do the _____
3. Take _____ because Jesus is _____
4. Keep their eyes _____

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. Of all your adventures in life, what was the most daring?

Digging Deeper:

Read Matthew 14:22-33

1. Why did Jesus send the disciples across the lake without him? Describe what happened during their journey. What prompted their fear and awe?
2. Why do you think Jesus waited so long to join the disciples? Have there been times in your life when it seemed like Jesus was slow in coming to your aid? What was your response?
3. How would you describe Peter? Fearful, timid, bold, etc. Why did he begin to sink? What was Jesus' response? In what way can this part of the story help us when we choose to follow Him outside of our comfort zone?
4. Explain the difference between merely being amazed at Jesus' miracles and responding in faith?
5. There were a number of disciples who stayed in the boat. Review and expand on the section, "Boat Dwellers". What do you feel most often keeps people in the boat? What most often keeps you in the boat? Describe a time that you stepped out of the boat. How did God meet you on the water?
6. Read John 15:16, Matthew 5:13-16, Matthew 28:18-20. What do these passages have in common? Are the themes of these passages the greatest purposes of your life? How might we shift our dreams from being self-oriented to kingdom focused?