

Life Group Questions
For the week of June 19, 2016
Father's Day

REVIEW: Read John 6:16-21 Upon reading these verses again and thinking about Sunday's teaching do you have any questions or would you like to comment on any part of this?

MY STORY: They rowed about 3 or 4 miles which is approximately half way across the Sea of Galilee and then encounter a storm in the dark. Mark 6:49 teaches us the strong wind was against them. The point is, they cannot make forward progress. They are stuck in the middle, the point of no return in the dark. In your life can you share a time when you were stuck in the middle of something and you just didn't seem to make any headway? How did it affect your attitude and faith?

*Why do people fall for the lie that since we are doing God's will it should be easy?

1. John 6:19 They are "rowing" in a storm in the wind. I would imagine they began to grow weary rowing into the wind making no headway and the tendency would be to give up and turn around and let the wind take you back to where you embarked from. But what do the following verses teach us about that?

Galatians 6:9

Hebrews 6:11-12

Hebrews 12:3

2. Since it was a Father's day message let's ask a dad question. John 6:19-20 Jesus comes to them walking on water and says, "Don't be afraid it is I." In other words, I see the mess you're in. Don't panic, I will take care of it. Can you think back to a time or times when your father or whoever the authority figure was in your life walked into a mess you made or a mess you were in and calmed your fears by taking care of the situation?

GOING DEEPER

1. Bonus double Jeopardy question. This is an optional question and will take some thinking, but I hope you give it a shot. John 6:10 says Jesus multiplied the bread and fed 5000 then they get in the boat and a storm hits. Now read Acts 4:1-4. We find the early church quickly grew to 5000. Now read Acts 8:1-2, here we find that a storm of persecution hits the early church. In your opinion why the similar events of 5000 followed by a storm?

2. Jesus comes to them walking on water. Read Matthew 14:26-29 Peter sees Jesus walking on water and surprisingly asks Jesus if he too could walk on water with Him. What does this teach us about Peter and would you have asked to walk on water also? Why or why not?

3. Read John 6:22-26 The crowd is following Jesus and Jesus exposes their motives. They are only following because Jesus gave them bread to eat. They are seeking Jesus for what they can get from Him and not because they want Him. How does Jesus not giving you what you want affect your relationship with Him? Do you keep seeking Him or do you cool down and stop cultivating the relationship?

*What does II Timothy 2:13 teach us about God even when we quick seeking Him like we once did?

TAKING IT HOME: What is the one thing that you must take from tonight's lesson or Sunday's teaching and put into practice in your life?

PRAYER REQUESTS: