

Discussion Questions

- How did the disciples react to seeing somebody walking on the water?
- If you had been in the boat, how, do you suppose, would you have reacted?
- How does Jesus try to calm the disciples' fears? Does it work?
- How does Peter react?
- Why did Peter get out of the boat?
- What do you think of Peter's reaction? What do we learn about Peter from his reaction?
- What was it that made Peter able to walk on the water?
- Why did Peter sink?
- What might the stormy waters represent in real life?
- What kind of "storms" do you endure?
- What does it tell you that Jesus was able to stand calm and firm in the midst of the storm and raging waters?
- Where do you see Jesus in the midst of your struggles?
- When Peter sank, he could have to swum back to the boat or reached out for Jesus. Which did he choose?
- What can we learn from Peter's reaching for Jesus?
- Did Jesus hesitate in reaching for Peter?

Getting personal:

- Why can it sometimes seem like we are all alone in the midst of trouble?
- What can we do to help us remember that Jesus is always with us?
- What are some things that you can think of that are causing you to sink rather than walk with Jesus?

Reflect:

When Peter set his sights on Jesus, he walked on water. When he looked away from Jesus, he sank. This week, consider the things that take your focus away from Jesus. Pray about them. Ask God to remove these obstacles and help you with these situations.

Related Scripture

- Psalm 23
- Isaiah 63:7-9