

Matthew Week 26: Jesus Walks on Water

Scripture Memory of the Month

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

- Philippians 4:19

1) CATCH UP ON LIFE

This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. Because God is our Father we are family. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)

Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?

What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)? Are there any practical needs you have right now?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives, and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

2) DISCUSS THE TEXT - ENGAGE THE HEART

Since we follow Jesus we seek to apply the Gospel continually to all of life. God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, to equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, to show us our sin, and to strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a Group throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25).

Read Matthew 14:22-33

What stands out in the passage?

Peter sees Jesus walking on the water and wants to be like him. He wants to get involved. What is God doing in your life that you can ask to get involved in?

Peter boldly asks Jesus for something that is completely impossible apart from the supernatural. If you knew you God would come through in a supernatural way, what would you ask him to allow you to do?

Peter has an amazing triumph followed almost immediately by a failure in his lack of faith. This is the case with many of the prominent people in Scripture. Where have you seen this pattern in your life? How does it affect you when it happens? What is typically your response?

It is important to remember that Jesus is the only one who gets it right all of the time. He is the only hero. There are no other perfect heroes in the Scriptures and there are no perfect heroes in life, so we should not be surprised when we stumble. When it happens, remember to run to Christ for forgiveness, restoration and another chance. Are there any areas where you continuously feel like a failure? Are there any ways you need to call out to Jesus to help you?

Take some time to encourage one another towards following Jesus in faith. Then pray together.

3) REVIEW THE MISSION

Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit we have been sent as missionaries in everyday life to display God's glory and lead others to repentance and faith through belief in the gospel. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

People:

Who can be intentionally living on mission amidst our current situation? (neighbors, coworkers, or a specific demographic in Columbia)

Plan:

Who is one person you can share the gospel with this week? How can that be done under the current constraints? Spend some time praying for these opportunities.

How can we be intentional in times like this about sharing the gospel?

Pray:

Pray for God to help us love him above all else that we may join him boldly in his mission to redeem the world. Pray for those around us that we need to share this with or invite in.