



# **LifeGroup Discussion Packet**

**Get Out of the Boat**

Matthew 14:22-33

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## Main Idea

When Jesus calls us into deeper faith, He may lead us through storms, but He never leaves us alone in them.

## Key Verse

“But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.’”  
Matthew 14:27 (NKJV)

## Warm-Up Question

Have you ever had a moment when you had to take a step of faith before you felt completely ready? What happened?

## Discussion Questions

1. Read Matthew 14:22-24. The disciples were in the storm because they were obeying Jesus. Why is it important to remember that obedience does not always mean life will be easy?
2. The message reminds us that God often allows troubling times to deepen our faith. Can you think of a season where God used difficulty to grow your trust in Him?
3. Charles challenged us to “stand watch” over the truth, our hearts, and our families. Read Proverbs 4:23. What does it look like practically to guard your heart in today’s culture?
4. Read Matthew 14:25-29. Peter was the only disciple who stepped out of the boat. What do you think kept the others in the boat? What keeps people from stepping out in faith today?

5. Stepping out of the boat takes courage and risk. Where might Jesus be calling you to take a step of faith right now?
  
6. Read Matthew 14:30-31. Peter began to sink when he took his eyes off Jesus and focused on the wind. What are some “winds” in your life that can pull your attention away from Christ?
  
7. The message included this powerful reminder... Peter was safer on the water with Jesus than in the boat without Jesus. How does that truth challenge the way you think about safety, comfort, and faith?
  
8. Read Matthew 14:32-33. When Jesus got into the boat, the wind ceased, and the disciples worshiped Him. How have you seen Jesus bring peace in a situation you could not control?

## **Going Deeper**

The disciples had a tendency to overestimate the magnitude of their problem while underestimating the power of God. Where are you most tempted to do that right now? What would change if you stopped telling God how big your problems are and started telling your problems how big your God is?

## **Next Step**

This week, identify one area where fear has kept you in the boat. Pray specifically over that area each day, asking Jesus for the courage to trust His voice, take the next step, and keep your eyes fixed on Him. Remember, if Jesus calls you to come, He is strong enough to hold you up.