

GROUPS DISCUSSION GUIDE

Get Into The Word



Week of Sunday May 18, 2025

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Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

Introduction

Life's storms can often feel overwhelming, leaving us questioning where help will come from. In Mark 6:45-50, we see Jesus sending His disciples into a storm, only to later reveal Himself by walking on water and calming their fears. This moment serves as a powerful reminder of His divine presence in our struggles. As we explore this passage, let's consider how our personal storms are opportunities for growth and reliance on God, recognizing that He is always with us, ready to declare, "I AM" in our times of need.

Disciple Measure

Intentional Friend: Who do you have in your life you can call on during storms? Who would say knows they can call on you during their storms?

Discussion Questions

The Reason for Storms in Life

HIGHLIGHT

Have someone read aloud...

[Mark 6:45-50](#)

EXPLAIN

Discuss the following questions...

Opening Question: Share a time when you faced a significant storm in your life. How did you feel during that experience?

1. Why do you think Jesus "made" the disciples get into the boat and face the storm? What might He have been trying to teach them?
2. How does understanding Jesus' identity as the "I AM" impact how we view Him during our struggles?
3. Discuss the significance of Jesus "passing by" the disciples. How does this connect to Old Testament revelations of God?

Have someone read aloud [Exodus 33:17-23](#) and [1 Kings 19:11-12](#).

4. What do these Old Testament passages communicate to us about the nature of God and Jesus? How can this encourage us during difficult times?

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Questions for Families

Here are some questions you can discuss with the whole family.

Mark 6:45-50

What do you think this passage tells us about Jesus and who He is?

For younger kids, discuss that Jesus can do amazing things, like walking on water, showing He's special. With older kids, talk about how this miracle shows His divine nature and care during tough times.

How do you think the disciples felt when they saw Jesus walking on the water, and how might we feel in the same situation?

Younger kids can relate to feeling scared or surprised. Older kids can discuss how the disciples' feelings are like our own in difficult situations and how recognizing Jesus' presence offers comfort.

How can we remember Jesus is with us when we're afraid or worried?

Younger kids can pray or sing about Jesus' love. Older kids can read the Bible, share concerns with family, or help others as expressions of faith.

NT 260

WEEK: 21

- Mark 10
- Mark 11
- Mark 12
- Mark 13
- Mark 14

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 5:43-44

Resources

Resources to Listen to

BEMA: She Giggled



Marty Solomon dives into the account of [Jesus walking on the water](#) and shares a personal story that relates it to how Jesus sees us.
(24 min)

Resources to Watch

Bible Project Guide - Mark



The Bible Project gives an in-depth guide through [Mark](#) with multiple resources and videos.
(10 min)

Bible Project Guide - The Gospel



The Bible Project gives an overview of [reading the Gospel](#).
(6 min)

Life Group Resources

We have a variety of resources and are continually adding new ones. Some of our resources include group launch guides, on-demand training modules, and curriculum resources. To request a resource, reach out to us at groups@longhollow.com.

D-Group Resources

If you or someone you know would like to start a D-group, we have everything you need, including reading plans, journals, and a launch guide to walk you through the first four meetings.



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Commentary

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What's Going On?

In Mark 6:45-50, Jesus has just finished performing a remarkable miracle—feeding a massive crowd with just five loaves and two fish. This event sets the stage for what's about to happen. After this miracle, Jesus tells his disciples to get into a boat and go ahead to the other side of the Sea of Galilee while He stays behind to dismiss the crowd and pray. Later, the disciples find themselves struggling against a strong wind in the middle of the lake. As they strain at the oars, Jesus comes toward them, walking on water, but intends to pass by them. When they see Him, they think He's a ghost and are terrified. Jesus reassures them, identifies Himself, and calms their fears.

This story is more than just an account of a miracle; it's a lesson in faith and recognition. Jesus deliberately chooses to approach them during their time of need but waits until they acknowledge their need for Him. This passage showcases Jesus's divine identity and His authority over nature. The disciples' initial fear and subsequent relief reflect the journey of faith, moving from misunderstanding and fear to recognition and reassurance in Jesus' presence.

Biblical Timeline



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Sermon Notes

Mark 6:45-50 CSB
Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go ahead of him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. After he said good-bye to them, he went away to the mountain to pray. Well into the night, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and he was alone on the land. He saw them straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. Very early in the morning he came toward them walking on the sea and wanted to pass by them. When they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out, because they all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke with them and said, “Have courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

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Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

Spirit-Led Follower

A disciple who walks with Jesus daily, anchoring their lives to God's Word and obediently following the Holy Spirit where He leads.

Intentional Friend

A disciple who is always looking for ways to care for others and meet their needs. This is a practical way to be present in the lives of those around us.

Humble Guide

A disciple who is a humble guide takes every opportunity to help people take their next step closer to Jesus. This is someone who is constantly looking for opportunities to have Gospel conversations and speak truth into someone's life.

Force For Good

When a disciple lives out their God-given calling, they naturally become a force for good where they live, work, and play. This type of person is looking for opportunities to meet needs, heal brokenness, and bring tangible hope to the people in their life and in their community.



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