

Community Group Question Guide

Matthew 14:22-36 – Into The Deep

22 Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side, while He sent the crowds away.

23 After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone.

24 But the boat was already a long distance from the land, battered by the waves; for the wind was contrary.

25 And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea.

26 When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.

27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

28 Peter said to Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

29 And He said, "Come!" And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

30 But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

31 Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

32 When they got into the boat, the wind stopped.

33 And those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "You are certainly God's Son!"

34 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

35 And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent word into all that surrounding district and brought to Him all who were sick;

36 and they implored Him that they might just touch the fringe of His cloak; and as many as touched it were cured. ESV

Why did Jesus send off his disciples?

The waves & wind were *battering* and *contrary* – what do you think this means?

If you had to pick a key verse or phrase in this text, what do you think it is and why?

What is the difference in Peter when walking, versus when sinking?

In spite of Peter's "failure," what did Jesus do?

What do you think is the main point of this story?

How does this passage change your thinking / understanding of Jesus?

The world says: *When the going gets tough, the tough get going.* Do you think this story affirms this idea, or does it present a different point of view on tough times?

Where do you think Jesus is calling you to step into the deep and take risk?

Why can you do so in spite of your fears?