

The Gospel of Mark Message Series

Discussion Guide based on the morning message on February 21, 2010

Walking on the Waves – Mark 6:45-52

Big Idea: The Lord will take you to the edge in order to meet you there.

Leading the Session Helps/Discussion Questions

- Make announcements and have a prayer time. (before Choir Members arrive)

ICE BREAKERS

- What is the context of the passage? What has just happened? How do many in the crowd view Jesus?
- What might the Disciples have been thinking when they realized Jesus wanted them to leave?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- As you recall the message, what are the significant points that need to be discussed?
- What is the “tone of Jesus” as he is making them leave according to verse 45?
- Since the Disciples were pushed by Jesus into a storm, what can we infer about the storms we face? How does that fact resonate with you? Does that change your view of Jesus?
- What is a possible reason for Jesus wanting the Disciples to leave? How does verse 52 give us insight into His possible reason?
- The Disciples had just experienced a spiritual high. What are some spiritual highs that you have experienced? How did you feel during that time? What inevitably happens after a spiritual high? Why do we experience spiritual highs?
- What would you be like if you never experienced spiritual lows or valleys?
- What is Jesus’ goal when He pushes us into a storm? (for us to meet Him in it, not necessarily to just get through it)
- Who did Larry say he thought Jesus went to pray for in verse 46? What implication does that have for us?
- Read Luke 22:32. How does that passage relate to this passage?
- What should our focus be when we are in a storm? (Finding Jesus in it.)

Application

- The Disciples had been with Jesus for some time and had seen Him do many miracles and still didn’t “get it”. Do you get it?
- Have you become too familiar with God that worship is dull to your spirit? Resolve to discover the awesomeness of God once again by doing something different in your quiet time this week.