

## A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of August 17, 2025

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

## Warm Up

• Reflect on a time you were in trouble. As you think back, what kinds of things did you believe—the good, the bad, and the ugly—in the midst of that trouble?

## Matthew 14:22-33 Why Did You Doubt?

<sup>22</sup> Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

- Why does Jesus come to the disciples walking the water?
- <sup>28</sup> And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."
- Peter begins to sink after walking to Jesus on the water. Why? (30)
- Jesus tells Peter, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" What exactly was Peter doubting? (31)

- What happens to your faith when you are in trouble?
- Jesus takes hold of sinking Peter (31). Share about a time the Lord lifted you from your trouble. What affect did that have on your heart and faith?
- Why did those in the boat worship Jesus? (33)
- Jesus could have easily calmed the wind (32) from the mountain where He was praying (23). What is the point of this whole incident?
- Pray together in light of this week's passage.

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