



LIFE Groups Sermon-Based Discussion Questions

[The Gospel of John: Believe](#)

“How He Watches O’er His Loved Ones”

John 6:16-21, for the week of Sunday, September 9, 2018

I. As we begin tonight’s study, take some time to carefully read our sermon passage (vv16-21). After thinking about what you’ve read, what do you learn about Jesus (e.g., his abilities, his power, his character)? Spend some time on this important question and sharing with one another.

Supplemental material to help discussion from the sermon

•“Jesus’ interest in our salvation doesn’t stop after conversion; rather, he wants to use all life circumstances to mature and strengthen our faith, our trust in him.”

II. The first point in the sermon was “a tested faith”. The first disciples were sent into the storm, they faced persecution, their faith was constantly being tested by Jesus. And so our faith will be tested also. Reflecting on the past year or two, what life circumstances have tested your faith? What has been difficult, trying, hard in your life? And what has helped you to persevere in faith through life’s winds and storms?

Supplemental material to help discussion from the sermon

•“Non-Christians are at war with God but at peace with sin. Christians are at peace with God but at war with sin.”

•J.C. Ryle: “Trial is part of the diet which all true Christians must expect. It is one of the means by which their grace is proved.”

•“Our sweetest times of fellowship with Christ are often preparatory for trials to come.”

III. The second point in the sermon was “a growing faith”. The first disciples grew spiritually as they went through the storm and as Jesus came to them, walking on the sea. They experienced fear as well as relief. Looking at the passage, what is it that brings both comfort and joy to the disciples? How can we experience the same comfort and joy through our own hardships? Share with one another.

Supplemental material to help discussion from the sermon

•“These disciples were under his caring watch the entire time, and as the sovereign One, he was measuring out the trials to strengthen their faith, in prayer over them.”

•“Where is Jesus? He is high above all earthly powers, interceding for you. He is looking upon you. He is praying for you, that your faith would be made mature and strong.”

•“Nothing can stop Jesus from coming near and helping us. Nothing. Not the sea, not the storm, not even our sin.”

•“The more familiar you are with the voice of Jesus, the Word of Christ, the Bible, the more help you will experience because you will trust that voice more quickly and more confidently.”