



## Week 10: Jesus Walks on Water

1. What's the most frightening experience you've had while traveling? (Perhaps you've been on a boat during a storm, or a flight with lots of turbulence).
2. **Read John 6:16-21.** What emotions do you think the disciples might have experienced when they found themselves in the middle of the lake with rough waters and no sign of Jesus?
3. How is this event similar to Exodus 14 (especially vv. 10-18) when Moses leads Israel out of Egypt through the Red Sea?
4. What significance do you find in Jesus' words, "I Am. Don't be afraid"? How might these words apply to our lives when we face unexpected challenges or fears?
5. Reflecting on this passage, how do you think the disciples' faith was strengthened or challenged by this experience? In what ways can we relate to their journey of faith amidst life's storms?
6. Notice that once Jesus entered the boat, they immediately reached their destination. What do you think this signifies about the presence of Jesus in our lives and the journey of faith?

### **John 6:16-21 (CEB)**

<sup>16</sup> When evening came, Jesus' disciples went down to the lake. <sup>17</sup> They got into a boat and were crossing the lake to Capernaum. It was already getting dark and Jesus hadn't come to them yet. <sup>18</sup> The water was getting rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup> When the wind had driven them out for about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the water. He was approaching the boat and they were afraid. <sup>20</sup> He said to them, "I Am. Don't be afraid." <sup>21</sup> Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and just then the boat reached the land where they had been heading.

### **Exodus 14:10-18 (CEB)**

<sup>10</sup> As Pharaoh drew closer, the Israelites looked back and saw the Egyptians marching toward them. The Israelites were terrified and cried out to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> They said to Moses, "Weren't there enough graves in Egypt that you took us away to die in the desert? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt like this? <sup>12</sup> Didn't we tell you the same thing in Egypt? 'Leave us alone! Let us work for the Egyptians!' It would have been better for us to work for the Egyptians than to die in the desert."

<sup>13</sup> But Moses said to the people, "Don't be afraid. Stand your ground, and watch the Lord rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never ever see again. <sup>14</sup> The Lord will fight for you. You just keep still."

<sup>15</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to get moving. <sup>16</sup> As for you, lift your shepherd's rod, stretch out your hand over the sea, and split it in two so that the Israelites can go into the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup> But me, I'll make the Egyptians stubborn so that they will go in after them, and I'll gain honor at the expense of Pharaoh, all his army, his chariots, and his cavalry. <sup>18</sup> The Egyptians will know that I am the Lord, when I gain honor at the expense of Pharaoh, his chariots, and his cavalry."