

INTRODUCTION

How would you describe where you are in your journey toward God? Almost there? Well along the path? A good start but a long way to go? Just starting? Journey, what journey? What do you think the "next step" in your journey might be?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. If someone asked you, "How is your spiritual life?" how would you measure that or determine how to answer? What might be a more healthy or biblical measure?
- 2. Read **Matthew 14:22-33**. How do you think Peter was able to overcome his fears and take a step toward Jesus?
- 3. How did Peter make himself available to participate in Jesus's miracle? What does this teach you about the way He may want to use you?
- 4. What's the difference between 'training' and 'trying'? What are some things that can't be done simply by trying hard?
- 5. Read **2 Corinthians 3:18 & Romans 12:1-2**. What is 'spiritual transformation'? How does it happen?
- 6. Read I Corinthians 9:24-27. How is the Christian life like an athletic contest? How is the training for each the same? How is it different? In what areas do you need to discipline yourself in order to 'win' at the Christian life?

MOVING FORWARD

The Bible indicates that God's goal for each of us is that we become more and more like Jesus. Is this a goal you have set for yourself? What are some other activities that could help you take your next steps toward becoming like Jesus? See how many things you (and your group) can come up with.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. Philippians 3:13-14

