



These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

## **Discussion Questions**

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### **Mark 6:45-52**

1. The theme of hard heartedness is found regularly in the Scriptures. What are some things that might make a person have a hard heart? How has God worked to soften your heart through the years?
2. Read Mark 6:46. Why did Jesus go up on the mountain? What are some reasons why prayer is necessary *after* times of intense ministry, as well as before ministry takes place?
3. Read Matthew 14:22-33. Matthew records Peter walking on the water as well as Jesus. What do you notice about the faith of Peter as he stepped out of the boat and what changed that caused him to sink? How has taking your eyes off of Jesus affected your life in the past?
4. The disciples assumed that they were alone on the sea, but Jesus was always watching and as a result, they were never in danger. Can you describe a time when it felt as though God had forgotten you? How can Deuteronomy 31:6 give you hope in those hard days?
5. Mark says that the disciples were terrified. What did Jesus do to ease their fears (Mark 6:50)? Is the Word of God enough to keep us safe as it was for the disciples?
6. Worship is transformative. The disciples spent many weeks and months *watching* the ministry of Jesus, but they still did not “understand about the loaves” because they had not *worshiped* Jesus. How does worship of Jesus change the way that you see and understand Jesus?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize 1 Samuel 16:7. Discuss among your family members or small group what it is that God is looking at in a person.