



IMMANUEL CHURCH

Discussion Guide: The Impulsives
June 25, 2017

Opening Questions:

- What was the last decision you made based on raw immediate emotion and later regretted? What were you thinking in the moment?
- Have you ever wondered (or maybe assumed) about the kind of people Jesus hung out with? Why do most people think he would only want the elite, wise, and relatively mistake-less ones?

Looking at Scripture:

- Read **Matthew 14:25-33...** Have you ever made a big spiritual promise or proclamation that didn't go well? Maybe you were caught up in the emotion of the moment, not thinking about real-time consequences; when that reality collided with your spirituality though, you began to sink...
- Does it surprise you that Jesus "immediately reached out" for Peter? Why didn't Jesus let him feel the weight of his screw-up a little longer? What does that say about Jesus when we cry out to him after messing up?
- Have you ever ran under the assumption that Christians who mess up get kicked out of the boat? What does the fact that Peter is allowed back in do to that assumption?
- Why doesn't Jesus just undo what Peter did? Why not wipe everyone's memory of the situation, hit rewind and make it like it never happened? Isn't that what we want for our own messes? Why doesn't Jesus do that? Wouldn't it be better for the "optics" of who's on his team?

Application Questions:

- This week's bottom line was **JESUS USES OUR IMPULSIVE SCREW-UPS FOR REDEMPTIVE PURPOSES**. What does a mistake being redeemed look like? What is God teaching or showing you these days through your own screw-ups?
- When you hear "you're not sunk," what does that mean for the things you've gotten wrong over the years? How does it impact the way you'll navigate your screw-ups going forward?
- What screw-ups have you allowed to define you instead of refine you? How can the group be praying for you as you call out to Jesus for help, recognizing he is your help and will use even your mistakes for redemptive purposes?

End your time together praying for one another, asking God to impress upon each of you the way he leverages each moment of our lives for his glory. Pray for each other and the places they've been sinking because of impulsive decisions, ask Jesus to redeem those moves for His glory.