

Peter

WEEK 3: Getting Out of the Hammock

INTRODUCTION

We don't want to be people who seek "hammock" comfort, but people with a growing faith who follow Jesus and step out of the boat like Peter. We want to be people who grab hold of life—the good, the bad, and the ugly, trusting the faithfulness of God through it all.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. We seek comfort the most when things aren't going well. What do you do when you are seeking comfort at the end of a bad day?
2. Read Matthew 14:22-33. Peter appears eager to get out of the boat when he initiates the water-walking scene. The other disciples stayed in the boat where it was safe. If you were in the boat that day, what would you be doing?
3. Speaking of playing it safe, Bruxy Cavey (Pastor, The Meeting House) said, "Imagine yourself if you weren't following Jesus. Are you basically the same person? Then you aren't following Jesus."
That being said, discuss the following:
(a) How is your faith currently growing?
(b) How is your life different because of your growing faith?

MOVING FORWARD

A prayer: *"Lord help me to leave behind the pursuit of a comfortable life. Help me to step out of the boat this week and experience a growing faith in you."*

RELATED SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:22-33 (Mark 6:45-56; John 6:16-21)
Matthew 16:24-27
Psalm 142