

Life Group Discussion Guide

The Book of John

May 24

LEADER NOTES

Continuing our series in the Book of John, Pastor Jeremy drew attention to the experience of the disciples in John 6 as they waited for Jesus in the midst of a storm. It is natural to respond with fear to the activity of Jesus in our lives. He will call us into discomfort and uncertainty. However, he will always be present with us, even in darkness.

This week is a great time to check in with your group about how the lifting of restrictions is affecting them personally. Keep your discussion centered on personal experience rather than politics or debate. Having a dedicated time to check in will help you keep the rest of your meeting focused.

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

THIS WEEK'S TEXT

John 6:16-21 (NLT)

That evening Jesus' disciples went down to the shore to wait for him. ¹⁷ But as darkness fell and Jesus still hadn't come back, they got into the boat and headed across the lake toward Capernaum. ¹⁸ Soon a gale swept down upon them, and the sea grew very rough. ¹⁹ They had rowed three or four miles when suddenly they saw Jesus walking on the water toward the boat. They were terrified, ²⁰ but he called out to them, "Don't be afraid. I am here!" ²¹ Then they were eager to let him in the boat, and immediately they arrived at their destination!

LOOK UP

In the brief narrative of this week's text, Jesus' disciples experienced both a terror of seeing Jesus walking on water and an eagerness for him to come near to them. Can you relate to experiencing mixed emotions in your relationship with Jesus?

LOOK AROUND

Do you have a friend or family member who is always running late? How does their tardiness affect you and how do you respond?

Rather than being amazed by Jesus' miracle of walking on water, the disciples responded with fear. Have you ever been scared by one of Jesus' ideas for your life?

LOOK AHEAD

What storms are you experiencing in your life right now?

PRAYER