



I DOUBT IT...

WEEK 3 DISCUSSION GUIDE

Introduction: Doubt is something that we all experience at some point in our life, especially when we are going through hard times, or “storms” in our personal lives. During these “storms” it is easy to doubt that we are going to make it through, that God is with us, and that God is bigger than the “storm” we are facing. We often have “ridiculous thinking” that we should not ever encounter “storms” and that our life should be smooth sailing. We were reminded that Jesus died on the cross, which was certainly not an easy life. God was there for Jesus, and Jesus is here for us, even in our “storms”.

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

27 But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” “Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?” 32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Discussion Questions:

1. How do you feel about weather related storms?
2. In the scripture verse this week, how would you have reacted when Jesus asked Peter to “come” to him on the water?
3. When you have “storms” in your life, how do you react?
4. Where do you think and feel Jesus is when you are going through a “storm”? Why?
5. Have you viewed your “storm” as an opportunity to serve others?
6. If Jesus were to speak one word to you today for assurance that he is with you, what would that one word be?

Take the Next Step:

If you have gone through a “storm” recently, or are still going through a “storm” now, reflect on how you reacted and where you saw Jesus before, during, and after the “storm”. If you are through the “storm,” do you know others who may be going through a similar circumstance, that you can share your story so they can be encouraged that Jesus is bigger than the “storm” they are going through and he too can help them through it?