

Life Group Discussion Questions

Mark 6:45-56: Who Does Jesus Say He Is?

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Ice-Breaker: Have you ever been misunderstood or “pigeon holed” by people? How did that make you feel? Did you correct them?

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Discussion Questions

1. The account of Jesus walking on water comes on the heels of Jesus feeding the 5000. In what ways does that connection help you understand this story? In what ways do the other gospel accounts help inform us? (John 6:14-15). Does it change your idea of the atmosphere following the feeding of the 5000?
2. We are told that after dispersing the crowd, Jesus went to pray. What do you usually think of when you hear that Jesus prayed? How do the 3 times in Mark inform you about Jesus’ prayer life? (Mark 1:35-39; 6:46; 14:35-39). Does that change the way you view your own prayer life?
3. Read Hebrews 4:15. What does it tell us about Jesus? Do you really think Jesus was tempted like we were? How did he escape his temptation? (James 1:13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:13). How can these three passages help us in our every day life?
4. Jesus instructed the disciples to get into the boat, and later they find themselves struggling because of the wind. Have you ever felt that you were doing the will of God obediently, but you still ended up with trouble and difficulty? How did you feel during the trouble? How did it turn out in the end?
5. What is significant about Jesus walking on the water? The phrase “pass by them” in verse 48 and “Take Heart; it is I, Do not be afraid” in verse 50 tell us a lot about Jesus identity. (Exodus 33:18-23, 1 Kings 19:11,). Why is this significant and what is Jesus trying to show his disciples?
6. What are some of the other situations where God says, “Be courageous,” or “Don’t be afraid”? Where Jesus says, “I am ...”?
7. How are you encouraged by the disciples’ slowness to understand who Jesus was?
8. In what ways does it comfort you knowing that Jesus is God, the Great I Am, the creator and sustainer of all things? (Colossians 1:15-17, Luke 12:7)