

COMMUNITY
Living out the gospel with
one another in our homes
GROUPS

Sermon: Ted Rastater

Text: Mark 6:45-52

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Questions: Nathan Athineos

This week Ted preached on the story of Jesus walking on water. The main points of his sermon are:

- Following in Obedience
 - We are called to follow Jesus, but we should not expect it to be easy.
 - Jesus Prays for and Sees Us
 - Jesus is praying for us and on our behalf and he understands us.
 - Jesus Went to the Disciples
 - Jesus comes to us to provide strength and relief.
1. Obedience to Jesus does not make life easier, rather it leads you into hardship. What kinds of hardships does obedience to Jesus bring to our lives? If obedience to Jesus will come with difficulties, why should we be obedient? Does the relative comfort of America detract from the hardships we face?
 2. Read Matthew 7:24 and Romans 15:4. Knowing God's Word is vital to the Christian walk. Share some verses that can help remind us of the goodness of God through these difficulties.
 3. The passage shows us that Jesus prays for us and sees us where we are. What are some biblical examples of God/Jesus seeing someone or praying for them? Why is it so important that Jesus prays for (intercedes) for us? What Old Testament role does Jesus' intercession fulfill?
 4. Ted explained to us the importance of the phrasing in Mark by reading Exodus 3:13-14 and 33:22-23. In light of the description of God in those chapters, it is likely that Mark purposefully chose his wording to reflect Jesus' divinity. What does the reaction of the disciples indicate about their understanding of who Jesus is at that point in the gospel? How can we fail to recognize who Jesus is? Why were the disciples hearts hardened? Can hardships harden our hearts towards Jesus?
 5. As Jesus came to the disciples in the boat, He will come to us in our hardships. Share a time you saw God provide, guide, or help you through a hardship.