

FROM THE BIBLE Matthew 14:22-29 (NLT) James 2:14-16 (NLT)

MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE

Week 1 | Focus

- 1. In this message, we talked about how earlier in this chapter we can see how Jesus responds to losing his close friend. How do you usually respond to emotional events in your life? How did Jesus respond? What can we learn from Jesus' response to this loss?
- 2. In this message, we talked about how important it is to focus on God when life is tough. Why is that important? What are the benefits of focusing on God when life is tough?
- 3. What are some practical ways that we can focus on God when life is tough?
- 4. Read Matthew 14:24-29. What would your reaction have been to seeing Jesus walking on the water if you were on the boat that morning? How did the disciples, apart from Peter, react?
- 5. What caused Peter to get out of the boat?
- 6. In this message, we talked about how focusing on Jesus leads us to putting our faith into action. Why does faith lead to action?
- 7. Read James 2:14-16. Why is it important that *our* faith is leading to action in *our* lives?
- 8. What are some ways that we can put *our* faith in action?
- 9. Read Matthew 14:29. In this message, we talked about how **Jesus does great things when we focus on Him**. What are some great things that we see can Jesus doing in the Bible?
- 10. What are some great things that you have seen Jesus do in your life? What are some great things that you would like to see Jesus do in your life in the future?



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