

# The With-God Journey

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**Title:** Peter's Journey of Growing in Grace

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**Passage:** Matthew 14:22-33

**Description:** What person in the Bible do you relate to most and why? For many people, that character is Peter. He is bold and faithful, but flawed and real—like us. This week, we'll discover how the With-God Journey is about progress, not perfection. Discover how you might move forward in your faith journey by learning to grow in grace.

## Small Group Questions

1. As a group, tell the story of Peter. To guide your conversation, consider these questions: What was his occupation? How was he called as a disciple? Where does he get it right as a disciple? Where does he get it wrong? What was his relationship like to the other disciples? What did his ministry look like after Jesus ascended to heaven?
2. In what ways do you relate to Peter or not, and why?
3. How is Peter's life an example of what the Christian life generally looks like?
4. Read Matthew 14:22-33. Why does Peter ask Jesus to call him out onto the water? What do you think caused Peter to go from walking on water to sinking? In what ways do you believe Jesus is calling you to step out of your boat to boldly follow him today?
5. Read 2 Peter 3:18. What is grace? How do you grow in it? How is growing in grace related to growing in knowledge? (Consider Dallas Willard's definition of grace: "Grace is God acting in our life to do what we cannot do on our own.")
6. Reflect back on the life of Peter. How is his life an example of growing in grace?
7. Close by praying for one another and our world.