

Ask that God would illuminate the Scriptures & speak truth to your hearts. Pray that you would be able to follow Jesus in faith and trust and that your lives would be centered on Him this week.

Read Mark 6:45-52

Where are they and who's with them? Recap the disciples' day. (Starting at Mark 6:30.)

When Jesus comes into your life, he'll ask you to Take a Step of Faith.

Can anyone think of a time in the Bible when Jesus does a miracle for someone who is fairly comfortable? (ie. They don't have an urgent need.) Why do you think Jesus performed most of his miracles for people who were in desperate need?

Describe the scene when the disciples encountered the Presence of Jesus. How did they all respond? (v 51) Why? (v 52) Consider all the disciples have done and experienced in chapter 6. What might verse 52 tell us about our journey of faith?

Can anyone tell of a time God asked them to do something hard that didn't make sense at the time but led to them meeting God in a big way?

Is God asking you to take a step of faith right now? Would you be willing to share with the group?

He'll ask you to Trust Him.

Is anyone in the middle of the trusting process; when you've taken the step of faith, but you're still waiting on God's timing to see how it's all going to work out? Would you be willing to share?

Jesus Prayed for His Disciples – Read John 17:9-26 and Luke 22:31-34. What are some of the specific things that Jesus prayed for his disciples? Take time to pray for those things together!

Read Galatians 6:9 – Does anyone need encouragement to “not get tired of doing what is good” instead of giving up? Search “encouragement” in your Bible (or Bible app) and see if you can find some good encouragement or identify what brings encouragement to God's people.

He'll Surprise You!

Read Matthew 14:22-32. How did Peter respond when he saw Potential (like Jesus does) instead of a Problem? Describe what happened. Compare this passage to Luke 22:31-34. Read Matthew 16:15-19 and Acts 2:37-41. What do these examples of Peter tell us about what's possible when we have faith? How has Jesus surprised you?

At the end of your time, give everyone a chance to share their answers to these questions:

What does this Scripture tell us about God?

What does it tell us about people and what our response to God should be?

Is there anything I misunderstood before or believed that was wrong and needs correcting? (Is there a point I'm missing?)

Does this Scripture reveal any disobedience in me that I need to repent of? (What correction is God bringing? How is He changing my mind?)